



SAINT JOSEPH

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Offices located at 208 E. Edith • Lafayette, LA 70508

JULY 30, 2017 • SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH MINISTERS

Rev. William Schambough*Pastor*
 Deacon Keith Duhon*Deacon*
 Chenell Privat*Secretary to the Pastor*
 Sandra Smith*Bookkeeper*
 Eva Green*Coordinator of 1st-11th Grade Religion*
 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.

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.

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.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

PARISH TRUSTEES

Linda Desormeaux
 Robert Landry



17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it." Jesus today gives us the image of a merchant who knows he has discovered a great treasure. In fact, its value is so tremendous that the man is willing to sell everything else in order to possess it. Why? Because he knows it will all be worth it. He knows that the pearl will bring him more reward than anything else he has ever owned, more even than all his possessions combined.

This Gospel story is meant to help us understand the unfathomable value of the kingdom of heaven. Nothing else can compare to it. No material item, no honor or success, can compete with this pearl of great price. Everything we have, short of this, is finite: limited, temporary, and ultimately fleeting. Eternal happiness, on the other hand, is infinite. It never ends. This is the deep contentment, the satisfaction, the peace, and happiness that we crave, the kind that doesn't disappoint.

Like the merchant in the parable, we too should understand the value of this discovery. As Christians, we have "found" the treasure beyond all other treasures! Life in Christ, both now and in heaven, is truly the pearl of great price. The only question is whether we are willing to "sell" all that we have to obtain it. In other words, are we willing to release the other things that claim hold on us? Are we ready to put Christ first in our lives? All of us need to take pause from time to time and examine our attachments and priorities. Money, pleasure, success, or comfort can often seem so important to us that we falsely begin to imagine these things will bring the happiness we so desire. But the message is loud and clear today: the kingdom of heaven is the true treasure we long for.

Our Gift Back to God

Offertory	\$10,320.28
Mailed/Dropped in Office	+ 360.00
Total July 23rd	\$10,680.28
Weekly Goal	\$12,000.00
Plus/Minus our Goal	\$ -1,319.72

Thank You!

"The law of Your mouth is to me more precious than thousands of gold and silver pieces," says the Psalmist today. Does the amount of my offering suggest that I could honestly say the same?

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." - Mt 13:44

Mass Intention

Weekend of July 29th & 30th, 2017
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)

Rudell Broussard, Samuel & Lou Ella Blanchard, Willis Gerard & Family, All Souls, Preston Venable, Pam McDonald, Jerry Viator, Lewis & Maude Picard, Zachary Esters, Lawrence Benoit, Sr. (Birthday), Ryan Viator, Jacob Theriot, Elton Broussard, Sr., Eugene Broussard, Mary Lou David, Louis Theo Bares & Family, Geri Morvant & Family

Weekday Masses

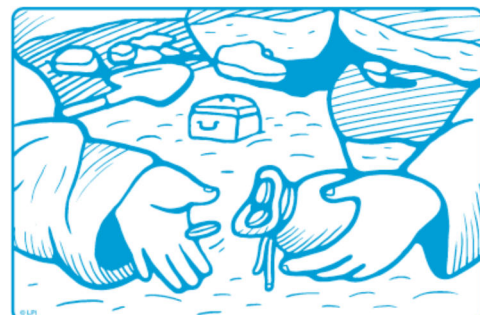
Monday 31	Patricia Taylor Smith
Tuesday 1	First Responders & Those Serving in our Armed Forces
Wednesday 2	Patricia Taylor Smith
Thursday 3	Souls in Purgatory, Ronald LeBlanc, Sr. (Birthday)
Friday 4	Frank & Viola Martin, Edvard & Lydia Hebert & Family

Sanctuary Candle

Previous Bishops

Please Pray For The Sick

Lisa Landry Cindy Stelly Brad Richard Joe Credeur
 Gracie Broussard Wilda Bares Meyer Moore
 Lucy Broussard Chase Conway Stoute Trisha Doucet
 Janie Bordeaux Norval Knapp Brennen Albert
 Margie Decou Beridon Susan Vincent Gunner Breaux
 Joyce Comeaux Grace Credeur Evelyn Landry
 James Benoit Dolores Benoit Kathryn Trahan
 Diane Johnson Bobby Trahan Charlie Harrington
 Betty Thibodeaux Rudolph Fabre Kim Vincent
 Luby Landry Goldie Broussard Lilly Mae Romero
 Lane Begnaud Mary Belle Broussard Dina Broussard



Food for the Journey (Cancelled) for Tuesday, **August 1st**, due to an unforeseen conflict. It has been rescheduled for Wednesday, September 6th. "Food for the Journey", a monthly lunchtime speakers series designed to help Catholics live out our faith in our daily lives. The event will be held at River Oaks Catering and Event Center beginning at 12:00 noon. An optional lunch buffet is available for purchase beginning at 11:30 a.m. All are welcome to come "eat and be fed". Please bring a friend! For more information, please call Danielle Huval at 232-1322.

First Saturday Adoration (Children of Mary) will be Saturday, **August 5th**, with the Rosary at 8:00 a.m. and Mass at 8:30 a.m.

The Next Elderberries Social will be held on Tuesday, **August 8th**, at 9:30 a.m. in the Life Center. Bring your favorite dish and a friend!

The Next Baptism Seminar will be held on Thursday, **August 10th**, at 6:30 p.m. in Church. Parents are encouraged to attend during pregnancy to avoid undue delays.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Tuesday, **August 15th**. Masses will be held at 6:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. The Parish Office will be closed on this day.

Word of Life "An unexpected pregnancy can bring joy, excitement, awe, gratitude, and deeper love than I knew possible!" *May the Lord grant to us understanding hearts, that we may treasure his gift of life.*

Pope Francis Prayer Intention *That our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life. St. Joseph Knights of Columbus of Milton*

Events This Week

Mon. (31st): No Events Scheduled
Tues. (1st): No Events Scheduled
Wed. (2nd): No Events Scheduled
Thurs. (3rd): Knights of Columbus Meeting
 6:30 p.m. (Life Center)
Fri. (4th): Parish Office Closed
Sat. (5th): First Saturday Adoration (Children of Mary)
 Rosary 8:00 a.m.
 Mass 8:30 a.m.
Sun. (6th): No Events Scheduled

Women's Prayer Breakfast St. Mary Mother of the Church is hosting a Women's Prayer Breakfast sponsored by the St. Mary Altar Society on Saturday, **August 19th**; 8:30 a.m. to Noon. Our speaker will be Camille Pavy Claiborne. The cost of this event is \$10. Come and Enjoy - a full schedule of morning fellowship and a lovely breakfast. Call to register before August 14th. For more information or to register: JoAnn LeJune 981-3379.

St. Joseph Website Please visit our Parish Website at www.stjo-milton.org. There you will find lots of great information from calendars of current and upcoming events, religious ed registration forms, census forms, bulletins, and much more. This is a great way to stay informed!



Religious Ed Registration for 2017/18 has begun.

You may find forms online at www.stjo-milton.org or in the Rectory. If you have any questions, call Eva at 856-0800.

Centennial Campaign We ask that parishioners of St. Joseph consider a gift to the Centennial Campaign. Please take a Centennial Campaign pledge card found on the table in the gathering area of Church. Thank you to all who have invested in the future of our church. When making a donation by check, it should be made out to Centennial Campaign and mailed to: Diocese of Lafayette, Centennial Campaign, 1408 Carmel Dr., Lafayette 70501. Please call the Rectory at 856-5997 if you have any questions.

"Gently Worn" School Uniforms Needed School Uniform Outreach will continue to collect and process used uniforms. Various agencies will make available the gently used uniforms to needy children in the Lafayette Parish Schools. Please bring your children's outgrown uniforms to church as soon as possible and place them in the School Uniform container found in the gathering area of church.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-23/Mt 13:31-35
 Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-13/Mt 13:36-43
 Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5-7, 9/Mt 13:44-46
 Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11/Mt 13:47-53
 Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab/Mt 13:54-58
 Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday's Readings

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
 Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 9
 2 Peter 1:16-19
 Matthew 17:1-9

Suicide Survivor Support Group

The Jacob Crouch Suicide Prevention Services and the diocesan Office of Marriage and Family have partnered to offer a support group especially tailored for survivors of suicide (those who have lost a loved one to suicide). Facilitated by a license counselor, meetings are open to all survivors over the age of 18. It will be held Tuesday, **August 1st**. Pre-registration is required; to register or to request further details please contact Kelley Chapman at 261-5653 or kchapman@diolaf.org.

Come to the Well Retreat

Saturday, **August 12th**, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. The Office of Pro-Life Apostolate will sponsor "Come to the Well" - "A Day of Hope and Restoration for those suffering the loss of a loved one." Loss by Suicide, Accidental Death, Infertility, Miscarriage, Illness, Stillbirth, SIDS, Adoption Placement, Abortion, and other life losses. Presenters will be Bishop Douglas Deshotel and Camille Pavy Claibourne, RN, PhD. Pre-registration is required; please contact Trista Littell at 261-5607 for details.

Men's Work Day

Saturday, **August 12th**, Our Lady of Sorrows Retreat Center (103 Railroad Ave., St. Martinville). Carpentry, plumbing, electrical, painting, cleaning and good ole manual labor. Work begins at 8:00 a.m. with noon Mass. Lunch is provided. Work normally ends at 4:00 p.m. Come when you can and stay as long as you can. Call 849-0185 for more information.

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

Please Pray for Our Priest:
 Rev. Alphonse Thainese
 Rev. Mark Thibodeaux
 Pope Francis
 Pope Emeritus Benedict, XVI
 Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel
 Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell
 Rev. Jude Thierry

Intentional Serenity Seminar -

Finding balance, purpose, and meaning in daily life Saturday, **August 12th**, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at St. Pius Parish Life Center. The cost is \$35.00 by August 5th which includes lunch and seminar booklet; after August 5th - \$40.00. Registration information: www.StPiusXChurch.org. Come together with other women for a faith-filled day of encouragement, support, fellowship, and fun! Mother, author, and speaker, Tami Kiser, will lead us through talks, discussion groups and quite reflection time as we discover with each other how we can stop feeling overwhelmed and experience a life of peace.

Fete Dieu du Tech 2017

The annual Eucharistic Boat Procession down Bayou Teche will take place on Tuesday, **August 15th**, the Feast of Assumption. The day begins at 8:00 a.m. with a French Mass celebrated by Bishop Deshotel at St. Leo the Great in Leonville. To register a boat for the procession or to find more information, www.fetedieuduteche.org or call 394-6550.

St. Louis King of France Pilgrimage to New Orleans

Fr. Bryce Sibley will lead a pilgrimage to New Orleans on Saturday, **August 26th**. You will travel by motor coach for a day pilgrimage to celebrate the Feast of St. Louis King of France by visiting three of New Orleans' most interesting faith-filled stops for private tours and Mass. Pilgrimage include St. Louis Cathedral, Immaculate Conception Church and the International Shrine of St. Jude at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church. Reserve your seat for \$250. To register, visit www.ourladyofwisdom.org/Pilgrimage.

Liturgical Ministers August 5th & 6th, 2017
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, August 5th, 4:00 p.m.**
Sacristan: Cyndi Miller
Lectors: Cyndi Miller, Dan LaPointe
Eucharistic Ministers: Eileen Massie, Deidre Toups
Altar Servers: Abigail Stacks, Morgan Massie
- Sunday, August 6th, 8:00 a.m.**
Sacristan: Doug & Sue Duhon
Lectors: Trista Littell, Trish Marullo
Eucharistic Ministers: Doug Duhon, Sue Duhon, Dale Kelly, Mable Chaisson, Gwen Miller, Ryan Ward, Henri Quereau
Altar Servers: Payton Albert, Luke Blanchard
- Sunday, August 6th, 10:30 a.m.**
Sacristan: Stephanie Broussard
Lectors: Pam Burley, Leslie Breaux
Eucharistic Ministers: Stephanie Broussard, Kim Sonnier, Lynn Gautreaux, Walter Bergeron, Lisa LeBlanc, Vickie Jacques, Gerard Labat
Altar Servers: Joseph Kreamer, Austin Ward
- Sunday, August 6th, 5:00 p.m.**
Sacristan: Natalie Hidalgo
Lectors: Emilie Boudreaux, Natalie Hidalgo
Eucharistic Ministers: Bailey LeBlanc, Sarah Gary, Toni Hebert, Ruby Boudreaux, Ali Zeringue, Ouida Roy, Katelyn Norse
Altar Servers: Caleb Tavares, Meghan Tavares, Tyler Boudreaux

