

SAINT JOSEPH

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SEPTEMBER 18, 2016 • TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH MINISTERS

Rev. William Schambough*Pastor*
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 Sandra Smith*Bookkeeper*
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 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

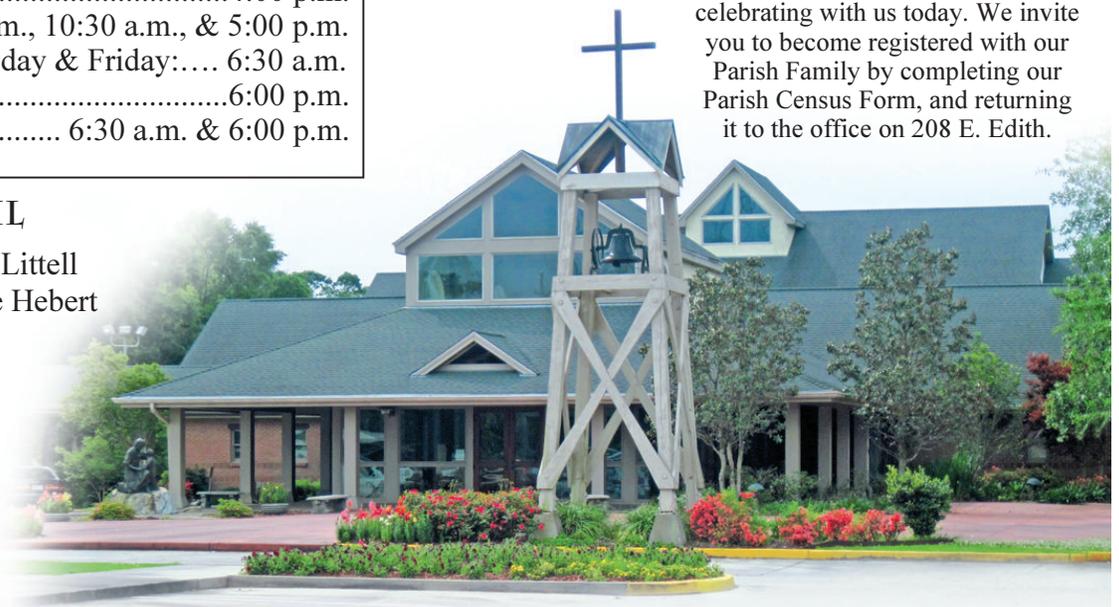
Saturday:.....4:00 p.m.
 Sunday:8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., & 5:00 p.m.
 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday:.... 6:30 a.m.
 Thursday:.....6:00 p.m.
 Holy Days:..... 6:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

PARISH TRUSTEES

Linda Desormeaux
 Robert Landry



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"And the master commended that dishonest steward for acting prudently." It's important to pay attention to the details of the parable Jesus tells in today's Gospel. At first glance, it might seem as if Jesus is encouraging us to be dishonest. But in fact, it's just the opposite. The steward in this tale was reported to his master "for squandering his property." In other words, the steward was not being responsible with what he was in charge of. And the master was ready to fire him on account of it. But then, the steward had a change of heart. (This isn't so hard to comprehend--sometimes it takes a real threat for us to realize we need to change our ways, doesn't it?) So the steward went to the people from whom he had previously collected money to "make friends" with them. How? By reducing their debts.

This might seem to be dishonest yet again, but we need to bear in mind that in the end, the master was pleased with the steward's behavior. So this debt reduction must not have affected the master's pocketbook. Rather, it seems probable that the steward had originally hiked up what the debtors owed the master and put the extra cash in his own pocket. This was the sort of extortion that was common in those days, among tax collectors for example. Now, when the steward was about to lose his position, he thought it wise to go back and return that "dishonest wealth" to the folks who had lost it, and gain some sympathy in the process. So, in the end, the steward was making up for his previous cheating behavior by doing something RIGHT and smart. It's this honest behavior that will enable him to take his place in "eternal dwellings." And surely our honest behavior will have the same effect.

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
- Joyce Comeaux Grace Credeur Evelyn Landry
- James Benoit Dolores Benoit Bobby Trahan
- Kathryn & Kat Trahan Diane Johnson Charlie Harrington

Our Gift Back to God

Offertory	\$ 9,479.17
Mailed/Dropped in Office	+ 640.00
Total September 11th	\$10,119.17
Weekly Goal	\$12,000.00
Plus or Minus our Goal	\$-1,880.83
September 4th Collection	\$18,364.15
Catholic University	\$ 1,486.98

Thank You!

The dishonest manager in today's parable knew how to manipulate money to his own advantage. But the Gospel warns that no one can serve both God and money. Which do I serve? Is my stewardship such that anyone can tell?

"The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones. If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth?" - Lk 16:10-11

Mass Intention

Weekend of September 17th & 18th, 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, Linda Kimball, Patricia Smith, Beulah Toups, Glenn Hollier (4th Anniv.), Ronald Bourque (Wedding Anniv.), Ryan Viator, Zachary Esters, Preston Venable & Jacob Theriot, Mabry & Tina Simon & Children (Tina's Anniv.), Clifford J. Viator, Jerry Benoit, Louis Theo Bares & Family, M/M Damas Viator & Family, Zachary Tucker (Birthday), Geri Morvant & Family, Ellis Trappey, Ronald Bourque

Weekday Masses

- Monday 19 Previous Bishops
- Tuesday 20 First Responders & Those Serving in our Armed Forces
- Wednesday 21 St. Joseph Community
- Thursday 22 Sick of the Parish
- Friday 23 Vocations to the Priesthood

Sanctuary Candle

- Doug Hebert (Birthday)
- Zachary Tucker (Birthday)



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.



Thank You! Thank you to all the volunteers who came and donated their precious time to greet and assist parishioners with pictures for our Church Directory.

Voter Registration Weekend!

The St. Joseph Pro-Life Ministry will have a Voter Registration table set up after all Masses this weekend, **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 LAS Rosary Group will meet on Tuesday, **September 20th**, at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Joan Morvant. She will be the hostess for September.

Events This Week

- Mon. (19th):** 4th & 5th Grade CCD
- Tues. (20th):** LAS Rosary Group
9:30 a.m.
2nd Grade CCD
Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.
- Wed. (21st):** 1st & 3rd Grade CCD
- Thurs. (22nd):** Knights of Columbus
6:30 p.m. (Life Center)
- Fri. (23rd):** No Events Scheduled
Parish Office Closed
- Sat. (24th):** No Events Scheduled
- Sun. (25th):** Middle School CCD

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

The Next Baptism Seminar will be held on Tuesday, **October 11th**, at 6:30 p.m. in Church. Parents are encouraged to attend during pregnancy to avoid undue delays.



Pope Francis Prayer Intentions (September) *Universal: That each may contribute to the common good and to the building of a society that places human person at the center. Evangelization: That by participating in the Sacraments and meditating on Scripture, Christians may become more aware of their mission to evangelize.*

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.

2016 Public Square Rosary Crusade On Saturday, **October 15th**, at 12:00 noon you are invited to join the 2016 Public Square Rosary Crusade scheduled to take place here at St. Joseph's. Please bring lawn chairs as this event will take place outside, weather permitting. This Rosary will be one of over 15,000 rallies that will take place all across the United States on that day. Please join us in praying for our country and in offering reparation for the sins and offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary. If you would like to sign up to lead a decade of the rosary, please contact Kim Sonnier at 652-4521.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Prv 3:27-34/Ps 15:2-5/Lk 8:16-18
- Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34-35, 44/Lk 8:19-21
- Wednesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-5/Mt 9:9-13
- Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17/Lk 9:7-9
- Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1-4/Lk 9:18-22
- Saturday: Eccl 11:9-12:8/Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday's Readings

- Amos 6:1a, 4-7
- Psalm 146:7, 8-9, 9-10
- 1 Timothy 6:11-16
- Luke 16:19-31

VITA (Volunteer Instructors Teaching Adults) VITA tutors provide one-to-one instruction to adults who wish to improve their reading, writing, math, and English skills. The tutor training workshop will be held **September 22nd & 29th**, from 5:00-7:30 p.m. at 905 Jefferson Street, Suite 404. Please note that session 1 and 2 are both required.

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. *All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.*

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.



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

Please Pray for Our Priest:

- Msgr. Paul Metrejean
- Rev. Mark Miley
- Rev. Thomas Montelaro
- Rev. Michael Moody, SVD
- Rev. Randall Moreau
- Rev. Jason Mouton
- Msgr. Richard Mouton

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 1st Thursday of the Month at 7:00 p.m.



Thought of the Week Three things you cannot recover in life: the word after it's said, the moment after it's missed and the time after it's gone.

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 24th & 25th, 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 24th, 4:00 p.m.

Sacristan: Linda Desormeaux
Lectors: Linda Desormeaux, Gail Dysart
Eucharistic Ministers: Wally Broussard, Sylvia Broussard, Angelique Latiolais
Altar Servers: Emily Stacks, Abigail Stacks

Sunday, September 25th, 8:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Doug & Sue Duhon
Lectors: Jesse Kebodeaux, Susie Kebodeaux
Eucharistic Ministers: Doug Duhon, Sue Duhon, John Landry, Paula Landry, Becky Prejean, Liz Curnutt, Vance Lanier
Altar Servers: Emily Landry, Alyssa Miller

Sunday, September 25th, 10:30 a.m.

Sacristan: Dan Guidry
Lectors: Mary Ann Hebert, Sandra Broussard
Eucharistic Ministers: Dan Guidry, Earline Blanchard, Randy Blanchard, Henri Quereau, Stacey Frederick, Dina Segura, Cindy LeBlanc
Altar Servers: Holden Martin, Austin Jenkins

Sunday, September 25th, 5:00 p.m.

Sacristan: Natalie Hidalgo
Lectors: Roberta Hebert, Tarrah Davis
Eucharistic Ministers: Paul Guillot, Michelle Guillot, Macy Touns
Altar Servers: Kennedi Davis, Caty Dufore