



SAINT JOSEPH

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DECEMBER 11, 2016 • THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PARISH MINISTERS

Rev. William Schambough*Pastor*
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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

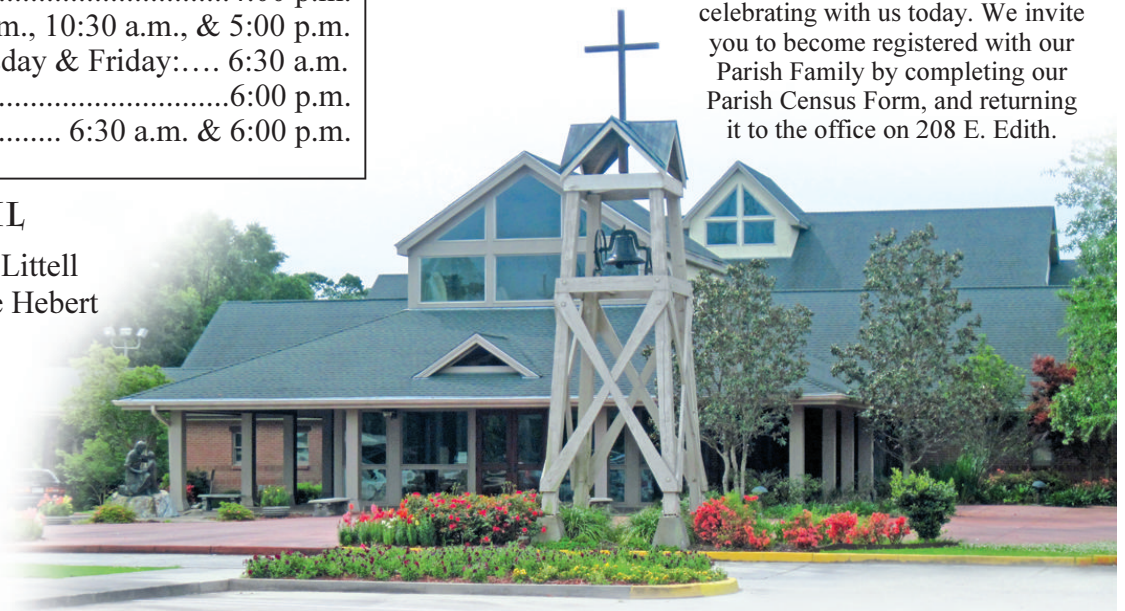
Saturday:.....4:00 p.m.
 Sunday:8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., & 5:00 p.m.
 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday:.... 6:30 a.m.
 Thursday:.....6:00 p.m.
 Holy Days:..... 6:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

PARISH TRUSTEES

Linda Desormeaux
 Robert Landry



3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"The blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised." Jesus has quite a résumé. When asked whether or not he is the long awaited Messiah, Jesus replies with this list of his credentials as proof of his position. These signs and wonders speak volumes, to be sure. But perhaps the most interesting line on the list is his concluding one, "the poor have the good news proclaimed to them." Why does he count this among his litany of miracles? What is so remarkable about sharing good news?

Perhaps Jesus included this element of his work--the preaching of good news--to remind his followers that the physical healings were not the ultimate goal of his mission. Rather, the spiritual healing that comes from hearing the good news of salvation is what Jesus was really about. The "poor"--which in a sense means all of us sinners, trapped by the poverty of the sins that enslave us--are freed by Jesus' message of a loving God who wants to bring us into his kingdom. Our poverty is erased by his richness. His mercy "undoes" our sin and we are invited to become the children of God who share in the glories of his heavenly abode.

Sometimes it's tempting to just want the visible miracles. But the invisible ones--the conversions that take place in the silence of the human heart--are truly the more important works of God. Such interior transformation is what leads us to eternal life; even a physical cure won't last for eternity--death still comes at some point. But the really good news is that this miracle of conversion is available to all of us. And this season of Advent is the perfect time to let God work his miracles in our hearts.

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 Brennen Albert
- Margie Decou Beridon Susan Vincent Eura V. Simon
- Joyce Comeaux Grace Credeur Evelyn Landry
- James Benoit Dolores Benoit Kathryn & Kat Trahan
- Diane Johnson Bobby Trahan Charlie Harrington
- Betty Thibodeaux Rudolph Fabre Mary Hebert
- Kim Vincent

Our Gift Back to God

Offertory	\$12,433.99
Mailed or Dropped off in Office	+ 2,457.00
Total (December 4th)	\$14,890.99
Weekly Goal	\$12,000.00
Plus/Minus Our Goal	\$+2,890.99

Thank You!

This Week's Second Collection

Retired Religious Fund

Each of us has his or her own role to play in the coming of the Kingdom of God. John the Baptist was called to be the herald of the Messiah, preparing the way of the Lord. to what is the Lord calling me?

The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus." - Lk 1:30-31

Mass Intention

Weekend of December 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)

(Mrs. L. L.) Regina Bourque (Birthday), Lewis & Maude Picard, Patricia Smith, Beulah Toups, Linda Kimball, Damas Viator (Anniv. & Birthday), Geri Morvant & Family, Louis Theo Bares & Family, Harold & Gloria Simon, Zachary Tucker, Ryan Viator, All Souls, Joseph Wayne Matthews, Preston Venable & Jacob Theriot, Zachary Esters, Sherrie Bacilla

Weekday Masses

- Monday 12 All Souls
- Tuesday 13 Gladys Prejean (Anniversary), All Souls
First Responders & Those Serving in our
Armed Forces
- Wednesday 14 Helen P. Larcade (Birthday), All Souls
- Thursday 15 All Souls, Percy & Ophelia Rabalais (Her
Birthday), May Grace Duhon
- Friday 16 All Souls

Sanctuary Candle

Beverly C. Picard (Anniversary)
 Mabel & Romain Hebert



The Giving Tree All gifts must be returned this Sunday, **December 11th** in order to have gifts separated and delivered on time. When returning gifts, please have Angel attached to outside of the gift. Thank you!



Parish Mission: "Secret of the Rosary" Fr. Hugh Gillespie, S.M.M. will be doing a four day mission here at St. Joseph Church beginning **December 12th thru December 15th**, at 6:30 p.m. each night. The mission is called "Secret of the Rosary". Fr. Hugh travels around the world giving missions and retreats in the heritage of St. Louis de Montfort. Do not miss this opportunity to experience a world class presentation on the Most Holy Rosary from one of the world's greatest experts on the Rosary. Please come early, because sitting will be limited because of this internationally known missionary of the Company of Mary.

The Ladies Altar Society Rosary Christmas Social will be held at Judy Cole's house on Tuesday, **December 13th**, at 11:00 a.m. Bring a covered dish and \$10.00 to cover dues. An optional \$10.00 can be brought for a charitable offering. If you plan to attend, please call Jeanne Hebert at 856-5885 or Frances Landry at 852-2459.

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

The Light is on for You! Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesdays, during Advent. Fr. Schambough will be in the Confessional from 6:30-8:00 p.m. on **December 14th & 21st**.

Events This Week	
Mon. (12th):	4th & 5th Grade CCD Fr. Gillespie Mission 6:30 p.m. (Church) RCIA 7:00 p.m.
Tues. (13th):	2nd Grade CCD Elderberries Social 9:30-12:00 (Life Center) Fr. Gillespie Mission 6:30 p.m. (Church)
Wed. (14th):	1st & 3rd Grade CCD Fr. Gillespie Mission 6:30 p.m. (Church) The Light is on For You! 6:30-8:00 p.m. (Church)
Thurs. (15th):	Fr. Gillespie Mission 6:30 p.m. (Church) Knights of Columbus 6:30 p.m. (Life Center)
Fri. (16th):	No Events Scheduled Parish Office Closed
Sat. (17th):	No Events Scheduled
Sun. (18th):	No Events Scheduled

The Knights of Columbus Next Meeting will be held on Thursday, **December 15th**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Life Center.



St. Joseph's Christmas Concert St. Joseph's Adult Choir and members of the North Vermilion High School Band will present a Christmas Concert at St. Joseph's on Monday, **December 19th** at 6:30 p.m. Join us for this special event and enjoy beautiful music that will help you reflect on the true meaning of Christmas.



The Next Rosary Making Class will be held on Monday, **December 19th**, from 1:30-3:00 p.m. in the Life Center. Call Pat at 856-4648 for more information.

Christmas Dinner Theater STM Fine Arts department presents *Yes, Virginia, There is a Santa Clause* on Monday, **December 12th** in the STM mall. An old fashioned Christmas dinner will be served at 5:45 p.m. followed by the "radio-style" production, complete with sound effects and singing. Tickets can be purchased for \$25. Please contact karen.minor@stmcourgars.net for more information.

The Next Baptism Seminar will be held on Thursday, **January 12th**, at 6:30 p.m. in Church. Parents are encouraged to attend during pregnancy to avoid undue delays.

Word of Life: "A child is loved because he is one's child: not because he is beautiful, or because he is like this or like that ... Not because he thinks as I do, or embodies my dreams. A child is a child: a life generated by us but intended for him, for his good, for the good of the family, of society, of mankind as a whole." *For parents who receive a difficult prenatal diagnosis: May they be comforted by the assurance of God's loving plan for their child's life.*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
- Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34/Mt 21:28-32
- Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25/Ps 85/Lk 7:18b-23
- Thursday: Is 54:1-10/Ps 30/Lk 7:24-30
- Friday: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8/Ps 67/Jn 5:33-36
- Saturday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72/Mt 1:1-17

Next Sunday's Readings

- Isaiah 7:10-14
- Psalms 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
- Romans 1:1-7
- Matthew 1:18-24

Mass of Hope and Thanksgiving

Tuesday, **December 13th**, at Holy Cross Catholic Church, 415 Robley Drive, beginning at 7:00 p.m. For all who have been affected by any type of Cancer. Please join us for light refreshments after Mass in the Vestibule of Church. Register for door prizes! Please call 984-9636 for more information.

Rare Catholic relic coming to Miracle Sight in Grand Coteau

You are invited to celebrate a holy and monumental occasion, the 150th Anniversary of the Apparition and Miracle of St. John Berchmans. On December 7th, the holy heart of St. John Berchmans will make its journey from Belgium to Shreveport. The heart will arrive on the campus of Schools of the Sacred Heart in Grand Coteau on **December 14th**, and be placed in the shrine on campus which is the site of the miracle performed by St. John Berchmans that lead to his canonization. Anyone wishes to visit the relic are invited between 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 14th. A closed mass will take place at 8:00 a.m. and will be streamed on the Lafayette Diocese website. Visit www.sshcoteau.org for more information.

Day of Recollection for

Vocations for Men & Women considering a Vocation to the Consecrated Life. It will be held on Saturday, **December 17th**, at Our Lady of Sorrows Retreat Center, 103 Railroad Avenue, St. Martinville, from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Includes Mass, Confession, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and testimonies from men & women who have responded in faith to a religious vocation. Please bring a brown bag lunch. For more information, call 394-6550.

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

Please Pray for Our Priest:
 Rev. Thomas Vu
 Rev. Richard Wagner, SSJ
 Rev. Arthur Warren
 Rev. Brian Webre
 Rev. Derrick Weingartner, SJ
 Rev. Travis Abadie
 Rev. Lawrence Abara

Theology of the Body Level II

Will consists of 8, 60 minute videos narrated by Christopher West and moderated by Adele Guillot, MA Theology. It is an Evangelization Tool and the Theological foundation of the Culture of Life with the family at its center. Along with the videos, the participants will use the accompanying workbook to better synthesize the teachings “Theology of the Body”- Level II. Must be 18 years of age or older. There is no charge for classes, \$20.00 per workbook. It will be held at the Immaculata Center, 1408 Carmel Drive, John XXIII Meeting Room. Dates: **January 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th and February 1st, 8th, 17th & 22nd** from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Please register by calling 261-5607 or for questions email Adele at maguillot27@gmail.com.

Icon Workshop/Retreat The Diocese of Lafayette Office of Worship is sponsoring a week-long residential icon painting workshop at the Jesuit Spirituality Center in Grand Coteau, from **January 30th** through **February 5th**. Instructor is Dmitri Andreyev of the Porsopon School of Iconology. Participants will leave with a completed icon of St. Michael the Archangel, Leader of the Heavenly Hosts. Cost is \$1,230.00 and includes room and board for the week, 36 hours of painting instruction, and all art supplies. For more information, please contact Faye Drobnic at fdrobnic@diolaf.org or call 261-5554.



Thought of the Week The blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them.

Liturgical Ministers December 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, December 17, 4:00 p.m.
Sacristan: Cheryl Prejean
Lectors: Gail Dysart, Shelly Broussard
Eucharistic Ministers: Eadie Slimbach, Michelle Bayard, Eileen Massie
Altar Servers: Morgan Massie, Emily Stacks, Abigail Stacks

Sunday, December 18th, 8:00 a.m.
Sacristan: Morgan & Curliss Savoy
Lectors: Joyce Broussard, Ali Picard
Eucharistic Ministers: Morgan Savoy, Curliss Savoy, Ruthie Denais, Stacey Picard, Becky Prejean, Liz Curmutt, Joseph Santiago
Altar Servers: Reed Broussard, Logan Broussard, Parker Broussard

Sunday, December 18th, 10:30 a.m.
Sacristan: Leurline Norris
Lectors: Walter Bergeron, Leslie Breaux
Eucharistic Ministers: Lynne Gautreaux, Vicki Jacques, Leurline Norris, Stacey Frederick, Henri Quereau, Suzie Trappey, Paige Gary
Altar Servers: Holden Martin, Walker Bares, Luke Blanchard

Sunday, December 18th, 5:00 p.m.
Sacristan: Steve & Sharon Moore
Lectors: Steve Moore, Sharon Moore
Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Richard, Jerry Besson, Kristie Besson, Terry Smith, Nick Smith, Krissy Smith, Macy Toups
Altar Servers: Caleb Tavares, Meghan Tavares, Juel Smith