



SAINT JOSEPH

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JANUARY 6, 2019 - THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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*
 Celeste Fortier*Safe Environment Coordinator*
 John Buroker*Choir 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



The Epiphany of the Lord

"Behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying 'Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.'" How strange to journey so far for perhaps so little. Of course the magi go to the capitol city. Of course they entreat with King Herod. Of course this is where they expect newborn royalty to be. But where is the child? "In Bethlehem of Judea," the scribes say. And so the magi go on to what is yet another Christmas miracle.

We don't know where the magi met the Christ Child, but it cannot have been lavish. Perhaps it was the stable. Perhaps it was a small hovel Joseph had found to wait out the census. But it would have been the home of a laborer, worn and threadbare. Here, in this unassuming abode, the magi are still "overjoyed...they prostrated themselves and did him homage."

Have you ever gotten to the end of a great work and found the results to be underwhelming? How did you respond? Were you disappointed or elated at God's providence and your upended expectations? The magi journeyed hundreds of miles over treacherous terrain to pay homage to royalty they have seen prophesied in the stars. They encountered an ordinary family displaced from their home. This Sunday, the magi are an example for us. Can we see God in the unexpected? Do we encounter Him in the person who doesn't fit our expectations of propriety? Do we revere Christ's presence in the poor? Or do we expect to meet God only in places of honor and esteem? This week, ask God for the grace to honor Him in the unexpected places and unassuming people. He is waiting for you!

Please Pray For The Sick

Norval Knapp Brennen Albert Dina Broussard
Susan Vincent Gunner Breaux Wilmer Landry
Joyce Comeaux James Benoit Joe Daigle
Diane Johnson Dolores Benoit Kathryn Trahan
Bobby Trahan Charlie Harrington Kathleen Blanco
Betty Thibodeaux Rudolph Fabre Kim Vincent
Luby Landry Lilly Mae Romero Enola G. Bernard
Mary Belle Broussard Judy Touchet Karen Hebert
Bernice Breaux Mary Trahan Raywood Decou
Lamar Staggs

Our Gift Back to God

Offertory (<i>Due to early printing, not available</i>) \$	
Weekly Goal	\$12,000.00
December 23rd Offering	\$11,867.00
Christmas Offering	\$14,227.75
Religious Ed Offering	\$ 2,893.35
Building & Maintenance (December) \$	4,799.26

Thank You!

This Sunday's Second Collection Building & Maintenance

The three kings in today's Gospel traveled a great distance at considerable cost to offer their richest gifts to the Infant Jesus. How far will *I* go and what will *I* offer to do homage to this newborn King and Savior?

When eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb. - Lk 2:21

Mass Intention

Weekend of January 5th & 6th, 2018
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)

Evelyn B. Landry, Willis Morvant, Roland Louviere, Ronald Schexnaider, Bradley J. Demette, Mary P. Meche, Lawrence Benoit, Sr., Wilda & Louis Theo Bares, Ryan Viator, M/M Alton Broussard, John Carrol Richard, Frank Richard

Weekday Masses

Monday 7	Vocations to the Priesthood
Tuesday 8	First Responders & Those Serving in our Armed Forces
Wednesday 9	Mary Wallace, Mabry and Tina Simon and Children (Her Birthday)
Thursday 10	St. Joseph Community
Friday 11	Darrell & Jackie LeBlanc (Wedding Anniversary)

Sanctuary Candle

Previous Bishops





The Elderberries Next Social will be held on Tuesday, **January 8th**, from 9:30 a.m. till 12:00 noon in the Life Center. Bring your favorite dish and a friend!

St. Joseph Ladies Enrichment Group will meet on Tuesday, **January 8th** from 9:30-11:30 a.m. The guest speaker will be Lyn H. Doucet. Lyn Doucet is a licensed professional counselor and a spiritual director who is a long time member of St. Joseph Church. She is the author of multiple books and tapes on spirituality. She is the founder of Sacred Center, a contemplative prayer community. Lyn will touch on her role as a spiritual director, as well as speaking on, "Forgiveness: the Royal Road to Peace." There are many misconceptions about what forgiveness truly is. Most of us have challenges with relationships that can bring unhappiness and pain. Lyn shares her own testimony of a forgiveness journey and offers some help in this healing path.

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

The Pro-Life Rosary Group invites you to come pray the Rosary following the 6:00 p.m. Mass on Thursday, **January 10th**.



December

We welcome into the family of St. Joseph's the newly Baptized. Welcome:

*Caroline Grace Guidry
Isla Kate Courtois
James Neville Gayle
Camille Noelle Bourque
Weller August Thomas
Aria Lane Gaspard
Zelie Josephine Smith*

Events This Week

- Mon. (7th):** 3rd, 4th & 5th CCD
Tues. (8th): Elderberries Social 9:30 a.m. till 12:00 Noon
 Ladies Enrichment 9:30-11:30 a.m. (Church)
 Rosary Making 1:00 p.m. (Church)
 Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.
Wed. (9th): Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Church
 1st & 2nd CCD
Thurs. (10th): Baptism Seminar 6:30 p.m. (Church)
 Pro-Life Rosary 6:30 p.m. (Church)
Fri. (11th): Parish Office Closed
Sat. (12th): Confirmation Retreat 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Life Center
 Baby Bottle Campaign
Sun. (13th): Baby Bottle Campaign 9th & 10th Grade CCD

The Usher's Next Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, **January 17th**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Life Center.

Pro-Life Baby Bottle Campaign A pro-life fundraising campaign will be held next weekend to benefit our local pregnancy resource center and the operation of a maternity home for homeless, pregnant women. All of the services are free of charge. Together, they will provide pregnancy testing, counseling, ultrasound imaging, STD and abstinence education, shelter, food, and other services to pregnant women in need. Baby bottles will be available after all Masses and may be returned the following weekend with a donation.

The Confirmation Retreat will be held on Saturday, **January 12th** from 8:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Please call Eva, Religious Ed Coordinator, at 856-0800 if you should have any questions.

"FORMED" A revolutionary online platform that provides access to the best Catholic audio talks, movies, ebooks, and video-based studies. FORMED presents a tremendous opportunity to help the overwhelming majority of Catholics change the way they consume media and develop a daily habit of faith formation and prayer. Please visit our website www.stjo-milton.org and click on REGISTER NOW button and follow prompts.

Welcome New Parishioners!
We would like to extend a warm welcome to the following Parishioners who registered with St. Joseph during the month of December: M/M Curt Courtois, M/M Scott Hines, Kristyn Quoyeser, M/M Jean Luke Smith, Jared Wunder and M/M Donald Hymel. We would also like to remind parishioners who have not registered with us, to consider this also. Registration forms can be found in the gathering area of church or online at stjo-milton.org. If you should have any questions, please call the office.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52
 Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a
 Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16
 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday's Readings

- Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7
 Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10
 Acts 10:34-38
 Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Mount Carmel School On-Line Applications For all new students/families for the 2019-2020 School Year. Tuesday, **January 8th**, at 8:00 a.m. (PK4-8th) call 898-0859, visit www.mceschool.org.

March for Life The Knights of Columbus Council 7557 will sponsor a Pro-Life Walk on Saturday, **January 12th** at 8:30 a.m. We will begin with a presentation inside Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in Broussard by Sarah Bergeron followed by a blessing from Fr. Kyle White. We will march through Broussard to St. Joseph Church and then return to the Parish Life Center. The Rosary for life will be prayed. Refreshments will be served after the walk.

Bearing Our Sacred Mysteries: A Journey with our Mother with Robin Hebert Our own joyful, sorrowful and glorious mysteries have much to teach us about our spiritual journey, about bearing tenderly our unanswered questions, our deepfelt sufferings, our call to witness Christ's love in the world. Let us look to Mary, our Mother, for the clarity, wisdom and courage we need as women to ponder our lives and explore the new life to which the Lord is calling us. This is a deeply contemplative retreat. It will be held at the Jesuit Spirituality Center, Grand Coteau, **January 17th-20th**. The fee is \$290.00. For more information or to register call 662-5251 or visit JesuitspiritualityCenter.org/2019-Retreat.



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

Please Pray for Our Priest:

Rev. Msgr. Charles Mallet
 Very Rev. Msgr. W. Curtis Mallet, MG
 Rev. C. William Massie
 Rev. Kenneth Mayne
 Rev. Garrett McIntyre
 Rev. Bert Mead, SJ
 Rev. Glenn Meaux, SOLT

Word of Life "Never tire of firmly speaking out in defense of life from its conception and do not be deterred from the commitment to defend the dignity of every human person with courageous determination. Christ is with you: be not afraid!" *For civic leaders, that by their words and actions, they might defend life and work to preserve respect for the life of every human being.*



Thought of the Week Happiness is in Heaven but the joy is in the journey.

Learn more about your Catholic faith by taking an Aquinas Institute Course today! Spring 2019 Courses are now open for registration.

Come to know the Blessed Virgin Mary more intimately and why she is so honored by Catholics. World renowned expert on Mary, Msgr. Arthur Calkins, will present a course at Our Lady of Wisdom Student Center on Wednesdays 6:00-8:45 p.m. beginning **January 16th**. Course can be taken for credit or audit. Dr. Jennifer Miller will present a course at John Paul the Great on the ever so important topic of Gender Identity on Thursdays 6:00-8:45 p.m. beginning **January 17th**. Dr. Miller holds the Chair of Moral Theology at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans and is presently writing a book on this theme. Come and learn about what Christian tradition has to say about what it means to be a man or a woman in today's confusing times. For more information, contact Fr. Michael Champagne, CJC at 395-6550 or visit www.aquinaslafayette.org.

Liturgical Ministers January 12th & 13th, 2019
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, January 12th, 4:00 p.m.

Sacristan: Cyndi Miller
Lectors: Cyndi Miller, Dan Lapointe
Eucharistic Ministers: Ricky Broussard, Angelique Latiolais, Anna Bernard
Altar Servers: Mollie Boudreaux, Ali Boudreaux

Sunday, January 13th, 8:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Morgan & Curlis Savoy
Lectors: Robert Cole, Judy Cole
Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Keith Duhon, Joseph Santiago, Morgan Savoy, Curlis Savoy, Monica Bourque, Jed Bourque, Grant Bourque
Altar Servers: John Luke Bourque, Noah Bourque

Sunday, January 13th, 10:30 a.m.

Sacristan: Leurline Norris
Lectors: Pam Burley, Mary Ann Hebert
Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Keith Duhon, Leurline Norris, Nathan Champagne, Vickie Jacques, Lisa McCowen, Jake Duplechin, Jude Bares
Altar Servers: Gavin Duplechin, Jarret Duplechin

Sunday, January 13th, 5:00 p.m.

Sacristan: Steve & Sharon Moore
Lectors: Velma Cheramie, Sharon Moore
Eucharistic Ministers: Bubba Lafleur, Bailey LeBlanc, Cally Lege, Cherie Bailey, Terry Smith, Angelle Blanchard, Steve Moore
Altar Servers: Meghan Tavares, Alyssa Blanchard