

Sunday, December 31, 2023 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

GOD BLESS AMERICA

WELCOME: To all Visitors and New-comers! If you are interested in becoming a member of our church family, please call the office at (337) 364-0818 or fill out a Census Form found on the table in the entrance of Church and mail to the office. **BAPTISM:** Please contact the office or Rev. James Nguyen. **MARRIAGE:** Couples planning marriage should contact the office at least 6 months before the proposed date of weddings. **SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:** Confessions are heard from 30 minutes until 10 minutes before weekend Masses, and from 11:30am until 12:00pm noon on weekday Masses, and by appointment.

****MASS INTENTIONS & BULLETIN INFORMATION**

DEADLINE: Wednesday before 4:00 pm. All Mass intentions & Bulletin information turned in after Wednesday will be published in next weekend's bulletin.

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION & MAIL IN COLLECTION

CHURCH SUPPORT & MAINTENANCE: 12/2	24 \$	1,654.00
MAIL IN COLLECTION: 12/25-28	<u>\$</u>	<u>4,601.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$	<u>6,255.00</u>
CHRISTMAS OFFERING:	\$	2,328.00
SOLEMNITY OF MARY OFFERING:	\$	20.00
FIRST OFFERING:	\$	1.00

"Thank You" for your generosity & continued support

TEEN LIFE MINISTRY-

Ashley Menard-Leader-337-380-3239 & Angela Meyer

<u>CHURCH CLEANERS</u>-Week-01/05-Group 1-Velma Laviolette

SUNDAY READINGS-

December 31-The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph-Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 / Col 3:12-21 / Lk 2:22-40, 39-40 (17) January 7-The Epiphany of the Lord-Is 60:1-6 / Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 / Mt 2:1-12 (20)

ST. MARCELLUS CHURCH

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<u>St. Marcellus Business Working Hours:</u>

 Monday-Thursday
 8:30 am 4:00 pm

 Lunch
 11:30 am 1:00 pm

 Friday
 8:30 am 11:30 am

CELEBRATING THE EUCHARIST

Saturday:4:00 pmSunday:7:00 am & 9:00 amTuesday, Wednesday & Thursday:12:10 pm*First Friday of Month:Mass at 4:30pm*First Friday Adoration:8:00am-4:00pm-DevotionsFriday:2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th Friday of Month *12:10 pm*Holy Hour:Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th Friday of the month at 11:00 amFirst Saturday of Month:9:00am Mass (Rosary at8:15amfollowed by Devotions) Children of Marymembers please arrive at church by 8:00am for Rosary

<u>BAPTISMS-</u> If you are not a registered member for our parish, there are registration census forms on the table in the entrance of Church that needs to be filled out before you can have your child baptized here. Either mail the form to the Church or put in an envelope marked "Census" and put in the collection. <u>*If you live outside of our parish</u>, you will have to contact your local church parish to get a letter stating they give permission for our Church to baptize your child here.

MASS INTENTIONS-

Saturday, December 30 / 8:30am: The Holy Souls in Purgatory, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary at 8:00am) Saturday, December 30 / 4:00pm: Aaron J. & Sis Lavergne Jr., Harold & Tara LeBlanc, Sefrien & Viola Landry & Family, Odan & Adele LeBlanc & Family, Johnny & Ethel Viator, E. J. DeRouen, Deceased Family Members of Joy & Danny Babineaux, Warren Pellerin, Goldie Moore, Elizabeth Segura, For Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary at 3:30pm)

Sunday, December 31 / 7:00am: Cody David, Mary D. Robertson, The Holy Souls in Purgatory, Harold Borel, For All Priests & Deacons Living & Deceased, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased

Sunday, December 31 / 9:00am: M/M John Inzerella Family, Ernest Crochet Sr. Family, Shirley & Roland DeRouen & Family, For All Seminarians of the Lafayette Diocese, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary at 8:30am)

Monday, January 1 / 9:00am: Asia (B) & Joyce Stein Jr., M/M Asia Stein Sr., The Holy Souls in Purgatory, For All Priests & Deacons Living & Deceased, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary at 8:30am)

***Tuesday, January 2** <u>/ 10:00ams</u> The Holy Souls in Purgatory, Walter Pousson Jr. & Family Living & Deceased, For Priests & Deacons Living & Deceased, (Holy Hour at <u>9:00am</u>) (Father has an appointment after mass)

Wednesday, January 3 / 12:10pm: Living & Deceased Family of Denise & Johnny David, The Holy Souls in Purgatory, Joseph (A) & Loucinda DuBois, Benjamin Riley Ferrell & Family Living & Deceased, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Holy Hour at 11:00am)

Thursday, January 4 / 12:10pm: The Holy Souls in Purgatory, For Seminarians of the Lafayette Diocese (Holy Hour at 11:00am) **First Friday, January 5 / 4:30pm:** Living & Deceased Family of Denise & Johnny David, The Holy Souls in Purgatory, For Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life (Adoration 8am-4pm then Devotions)

First Saturday, January 6 / 9:00am: The Holy Souls in Purgatory, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary at 8:15am then Devotions)

Saturday, January 6 / 4:00pm: Deceased Family Members of Joy & Danny Babineaux, George & Lona Deslatte, Rudell Landry & Family Living & Deceased, M/M Willie Dore, Randal Dore, Byron Dore, Dexter Landry, Gerald Laviolette, Doctor Nicholas James Bellingham & Family Living & Deceased, For Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary 3:30pm)

Sunday, January 7 / 7:00am: Mack & Irene Wilson Family, Jonathan Gautreau, Cody David, Robert Leslie, Royal & Agnes Linnartz, LeeRoy O'Quinn, John Simon, For All Priests & Deacons Living & Deceased, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased

Sunday, January 7 / 9:00am: M/M John Inzerella Family, Ernest Crochet Sr. Family, Shirley & Roland DeRouen & Family, Rayward Segura, For All Seminarians of Lafayette Diocese, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Chaplet at 8:30am)

SECOND COLLECTION-This Weekend, December 30 & 31, there will be a second collection for the Solemnity of Mary Offering.

Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel of the Diocese of Lafayette will lead an unforgettable ceremony to officially close the diocesan phase of the process for the Cause for Canonization of the Servant of God Charlene Marie Richard. <u>All are invited to this ceremony at 10</u> <u>a.m. on Saturday, January 13, 2024, at St. Edward Church in</u> <u>Richard. January 13 marks Charlene's 77th birthday.</u> Charlene Richard was born on January 13, 1947. After being diagnosed with acute lymphatic leukemia, she died on August 11, 1959, at the age of 12. During her last days on earth at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital in Lafayette, Charlene would offer her prayers and suffering to God each day for different people with miraculous results. Since that day, people have come from all over the world to pray at her tomb in Richard with many who have testified to her extraordinary intercession.





KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 7050-

...The Knights will be offering coffee and donut holes after the 9am Mass this Sunday under the canopy of the Church.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS: **For those students that weren't able to attend class, please go the White Office Building and pick up your folder that is in a bag with your name on it. The bags are hanging on the door. Bring your completed lessons and put in bag and hang on door.



HAPPY NEW YEAR! FROM: FATHER JAMES AND OFFICE STAFF

OFFICE CLOSED-The Office will be closed for the New Year's Holidays **through Monday, January 1**st. If you need assistance, please call the office at 337-364-0818 and leave a message, we will check the messages daily.



SANCTUARY LAMP-

...In Loving Memory for the Living and Deceased Members of Landry, Broussard, Yoder, Kennedy & LeBlanc Families by Dot Landry & Edmond Broussard

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS-This coming session will consist of Homeschool lessons each month and 1 class per month. >**These grades:** 2nd grade First Communion and 10th & 11th grade Confirmation classes will be held at the hall on Tuesdays from 6pm to 7pm. The Next class is on Tuesday, January 9th.

>First Communion Parent / Teacher Meeting will be on next Tuesday, January 9th at 6pm at the Hall.

>Confirmation Retreat-at Nativity of Our Lady Church Hall on 130 North Richelieu, New Iberia. On Friday, February 23rd 5:30pm-8:30pm & on Saturday, February 24th All Day, will have time to attend coming soon.

>Elementary students: 1st, 3rd, 4th & 5th grades will come on the Second Sunday of the month, Mass at 9am and then class after from 10am to 11am at the Hall. The next Elementary class is this <u>Sunday</u>, January 14th.

<u>>High School students</u>: 6th, 7th, 8th & 9th grades will come on the Third Sunday of the month, Mass at 9am & then class after from 10am to 11am at Hall. The next High School class is this <u>Sunday, January 21st</u>.

*After the 10th grade students get Confirmed this session 2023-2024, they will come back for Morality class next session 2024-2025. Then the 9th & 10th grade students who get confirmed in 2024-2025 will come back for Sacraments and or Morality Classes 2025-2026 sessions. When Confirmation gets to 8th Grade the students will come back after each year for Sacraments then Morality Classes.

<u>CHILDREN'S CHURCH</u> will be on each <u>**Sunday**</u> at the 9am Mass. Father will call up the children before the readings and say a prayer then they will go in the Sacristy with the Teacher to learn a lesson on the Sunday gospel. For children ages 4 to 5th grade.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION of the BLESSED

SACRAMENT-this Friday, January 5th-Adoration 8:00am until 4:00pm, followed by Devotions, Mass at 4:30pm. Please consider spending one hour with the Blessed Sacrament. The sign-up sheet can be found on table in the entrance of the Church.

2024 ALTAR FLOWER FUND DONATIONS-Anyone interested in donating for the <u>"2024 Flowers"</u>, please contact Millie Comeaux at 337-519-2555 or mail your list to Millie Comeaux, 1901 Langston Road, New Iberia, LA 70560. **Make checks out to Millie Comeaux.**

Price for the 4 Holiday Altar Flowers<u>-*\$50.00 total for all 4</u>. Price for the 1 Weekend Altar Artificial Flowers<u>-*\$20.00 for artificial flower arrangement.</u>

Price for 1 Weekend Altar Real Flowers<u>-</u>\$65.00 for real flower arrangement. Please contact Millie if you want the Real Flower arrangement for a specific weekend so she can place order.

EXERCISE CLASS-There are exercise classes for Seniors on <u>Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 8:45am to 9:45am at the</u> <u>Hall.</u> If interested to participate for classes please arrive at the Hall on these days to sign up. These classes are free of charge. For more information call Loney Leeson at 337-364-8888.

Please pray for those of our community who have requested our

prayers: Linda Escagne, Barbara Clark, Ken & Judy Broussard, Myra Derouen Boutte, Kathy Frusha Fuqua, Fisher Melder, Kristen and Baby Hebert, Becky H. LeBlanc, Wilda Hite, Loretta & Oswald Decuir, Dot Boudreaux, Barbara D. Alleman, Phyllis Aucoin, Louis Boudreaux Jr. & Sr., Fr. Manny Fernandez, Dean Lancon, Grant Darby, Michael Bourgeois Jr., Michelle Dugas, Kathy Scott, Steven Marcor, Amy K. Citrano, Dominik Citrano, Maddox Citrano, Dossie Darby, R.T. Touchet, Craig Mayard, Kim Rentrop, Freda Rentrop, Joyce Thibodeaux, Mona Doiron, Debbie Thibodeaux, Charlisse LaBauve, Judy Landry, Zenaida Retana, Charlie Thibodeaux, Natasha & Ryan Kirkeby, Kerry Hebert, Daniel Bourque, John Hebert, Stefan Norris, Roxanne Lavergne, Julia Armentor, Hazel Delahoussaye, Kimberly Elizabeth Moreaux, Linda Yoder, Patrick Castille, Peggy Derouen, Debra Kennedy, Quinton Sims, Noah Daniels, Hayward Delcambre, Angelica Daniels, Johnny & Karen Broussard, Pam Jude, Michelle Thibodeaux Broussard, Wayne Derise, Mary Dartez, Kressent Landry, Dayton Boutte, Catherine Landry, Elijah Landry, Jason Walker, David Seymour, Joyleen Seymour, Barbara Boudreaux, Brandon Barbin, Cassie Lannie, Marvin Rentrop, Mary Grace Rentrop, Zoda P. Bourque, Christian James, Blair & Wendy Yoder, Mark & Karen Messinger, Katie Faulk, Edwin Mayeaux, Freddie Norris, Cody Castille, Robert LeBlanc, Geraldine LeBlanc, Lauris Land, Roy Boudreaux, Ramsey Moss, Kade Breaux, Savannah Jones, Bailey Doré, Joseph Calvin Landry, Gerald Sewell, Carmen Decuir, Lois Romero, Joyce Romero, Gretchen Lavergne, Glorious Broussard, Marcus Hebert, Hypolite Meyers, Nicholas Landry, Wanda Breaux, Faith Kreamer, Jermaine Boutte, Jennifer O'Neall, Randal Riaale, Rita & Steven Kina, Don Simon, Jessica Guidry, Barbara LeBlanc, Pete Bourque, Amy Crochet, Alison Lavergne, Bella Cervantes, Georgie Pellerin, William "Kojak" Broussard, Monique Lancon, Michael Norris, Denise David, Jessica LeJeune, Ann LaPointe, Payton Suire, Brian Delcambre, Steven Lavergne, & sick members of our church parish family, the homebound, those with a dependency, those recovering from injuries & those admitted into hospitals & nursing homes.

<u>VOCATION CHALICE</u> Each week at Mass, a family or individual is to receive the Chalice to pray for vocations. Please pick up the Chalice in the Sacristy in back of the Altar. Thank you & God Bless.

December/January *Betty Romero-Dec. 24-January 7-Sunday at 9am Mass *Dolores Segura-January 7-14-Sunday at 9am Mass *Joy & Danny Babineaux-January 13-20-Saturday at 4pm Mass

ST. MARCELLUS FOOD BASKETS-Food Baskets are

prepared to help those who are in need. Please help us stock our pantry with non-perishable items. You can deposit your items in the corner of the front foyer of Church. Monetary donations will also be accepted, please enclose it in an envelope marked <u>Food</u> <u>Pantry</u> & drop it in the collection basket. Thank you for your continued support to this ministry.

<u>CHURCH CLEANERS NEEDED-</u>If you are interested in helping clean the church every 4 weeks with a group, please call Yvonne at the Office to sign up at 337-364-0818.

2024 MASS INTENTIONS–Please put your list of intentions & **\$5.00 per intention** in a sealed envelope. >Indicate your name, address, phone number & the amount of money submitted. Put your envelope marked **Masses** in the collection basket or mail your envelope to the Office. *MASS INTENTIONS Will Not Be Accepted Over the Phone*. Forms can be found in the folder on the table at the entrance of Church.

Examples are for one intention: John Smith, or Mr. & Mrs. John Smith, or husband and wife-John and Sue Smith, or the John Smith Family. One intention is not John, June, Brock & Sam Smith. One intention is not John Smith, Don Boulder & Amy Charles. One intention is not Mr. & Mrs. John Smith & Mark. Please pray for the perseverance of Seminarian Eli Weil Seminarian Logan Simon God our Father, thank you for calling these seminarians to prepare for the priesthood. Grant them the grace to grow closer to You through daily prayer. Amen. Lafayette Vocations-www.facebook.com/lafayettelavocations and website www.lafayettevocations.org



"The first requirement of prayer is silence. People of prayer are people of silence." Saint Mother Teresa

BLUE CEMETERY GARBAGE CAN-When you are replacing flowers and picking up around your cemetery plot, please put the old flowers and garbage in the Blue Garbage Can marked **Cemetery** and put the items in the garbage bag. The garbage can is located by the Cross walkway in the Cemetery. Thank you.

<u>Please pray for those who are in the Armed Forces:</u> US ARMY Firefighter-PFC-Braidyn Castille US ARMY Tank Operator-Colin Boutte National Guard/Army-Blackhawk Helicopter Pilot-Don L. Romero II

AIR FORCE SPECIALIST GERMANY-Nicholas Barras

<u>COME, LORD JESUS! GROUP-</u>The following Come, Lord Jesus group in our parish is: <u>**Dan & Louise Duncan-Avery**</u> <u>**Island, 337-364-4966**</u>, meet on Wednesdays at 4:00pm. If you are interested in joining the group, please call. The group goes over Sunday Gospel, explaining God's word & prayer time.

HEALING SERVICE-Please join Fr. Manny Fernandez for a Healing Service here at Sacred Heart Church in New Iberia on Wednesday, January 17, at 1:30pm in Church. Rosary at 1pm For more info call Faye Boutte at 337-944-6138.

FESTIVAL DE LA VIE 2024-Respect, Protect and Serve All Life together. <u>Saturday, January 13, 2024</u> Parc San Souci 9am – 1pm Live Praise & Worship Music, Guest Speaker, prayer walk, family activities. <u>diolaf.org/ProlifeFestival</u> Join us as we pray for a greater respect for every life. Diocese of Lafayette.

MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY MASS-Sunday, February 4, 2024 at 2:00pm at St. Anne Catholic Church, Youngsville, LA.

Are you celebrating a milestone anniversary of 25, 40, 50, 60 years or more? If so, we invite you to register for the Diocesan Marriage Anniversary Mass, sponsored annually by the Office of Marriage and Family Life. Bishop Douglas Deshotel will be the celebrant, and all registered couples will be presented with a certificate honoring their special milestone. Reserved seating will be provided for the couples being celebrated, but families and friends are welcome to attend on a first-come, first-served basis until the maximum capacity is reached. <u>Please register by January 26th</u> <u>12noon deadline to secure your spot.</u>

Reflection on the Gospel-Mary and Joseph are completely devoted to God and follow all the prescriptions of the law, as Simeon prophesies, they struggle, like all faithful people, to understand God's ways. At the annunciation Mary says yes, even as she questions, "How can this be?" (Luke 1:34). What God asks of her puts her in very difficult circumstances. Contemplation, faithfulness, and trust are three essential virtues that Mary exemplifies for weathering difficult times that challenge harmonious family life. *-Living Liturgy tm, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph 2023*

"With the crib seen as a tabernacle and the child as a kind of host, then the home becomes a living temple of God. The sacristan of that sanctuary is the mother, who never permits the tabernacle lamp of faith to go out." *Venerable Fulton Sheen*

"Happy is he who lives and dies under the protection of the Blessed Virgin." Sermon on the Feast of the Rosary-Thoughts of the Curé D'Ars

MARCH FOR LIFE-For Life-Southern Deanery-Wednesday, January 17, 2024 Praying for an end to abortion and all pro-death activities in our nation and our world 5:00pm-Holy Hour of prayers, music & adoration with confession

available at Grotto by Main Street Library,
<u>6:00pm</u> Silent Eucharistic Procession to St. Peter Church,
<u>6:30pm</u> Mass for Life at St. Peter Church, New Iberia Fr. Nathan Comeaux will serve as presider and homilist

Pro-Life Quote- "Dearest St. Joseph...Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life—especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life (www.respectlife.org/prayer-to-st-joseph) Copyright © 2023, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC. All rights reserved.



► 2023 BISHOP'S SERVICES APPEAL UPDATE-As of Nov. 12-Total Collected-\$9,144.41 Our 2023 Goal-\$8,438.00 We reached our goal. Your donations are important and very much needed by parishioner participation. Thank you!

"Do not be afraid of the radicalness of His demands, because Jesus, who loved us first, is prepared to give Himself to you, as well as asking of you. If He asks much of you, it is because He knows you can give much." (Salvifici Doloris, Apostolic Letter) *Pope St. John Paul II*

OUR LADY OF THE OAKS 2024 RETREAT DATES-Grand Coteau, LA- For list of dates or to register or info about retreats, www.ourladyoftheoaks.com, or call 337-662-5410

ENGAGED COUPLES- Attend a Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend. The weekend is open to any engaged couple wanting to prepare for a deeper more meaningful life together in a marriage recognized by the Catholic Church according to its Church law. **Upcoming weekends: January 26-28, April 26-28, Sept. 13-15, 2024.** For cost of weekends, and to learn more, visit website **www.ceelafayette.org** or Contact Tom & Geraldine Rizzuto at 337-984-7954 or **cee.trahan@gmail.com**