



# ST. MARCELLUS CHURCH

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**Sunday, January 28, 2024**  
**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**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: 1/21	\$	1,914.56
MAIL IN COLLECTION: 1 / 22-25	\$	101.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,015.00</b>
 FIRST OFFERING:	 \$	 6.00

*"Thank You" for your generosity & continued support*

**TEEN LIFE MINISTRY-**

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

**CHURCH CLEANERS-Week-02/03-Group 3-Yvonne Hebert**

**ALTAR FLOWERS...In Memory of**

Howard & Angella Boudreaux, Ethan, David & Keith Neisser  
*By Dot Boudreaux*

**MARY'S & JESUS STATUES-...In Memory of Deceased**  
 Members of the Arton Family *By Barbara Arton*

**SUNDAY READINGS-**

**January 28-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time-**

Dt 18:15-20 / 1Cor 7:32-35 / Mk 1:21-28 (71)

**February 4-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time-**

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7 / 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23 / Mk 1:29-39 (74)

**Pastor:** Rev. James Nguyen

**Staff:** Office Manager: Ann Boudreaux  
 Receptionist/Secretary: Yvonne Hebert

**Trustees:** Mike Wattigny 337-577-4904  
 Catherine Simmons 504-905-1726

**Financial Council Chairperson:** Dan Duncan: 337-364-4966

**Pastoral Council Members:**

Chairperson: Wendy Segura: 337-367-1602

Vice Chairperson: Claire Larson: 337-277-9171

Secretary: Kathy Broussard: 337-352-1112

Social Justice Committee: Claire Larson: 337-277-9171

Evangelization Committee: Nancy Hebert: 337-364-4409

Religious Education Committee: Wendy Segura: 337-367-1602  
 & Kathy Broussard: 337-352-1112

Worship Committee: Versa Dore: 337-967-2401

Management & Finance Committee: Henry Charpentier:  
 337-256-2473

Regional Pastoral Council: **Open for Volunteer-Call the office to apply**

**Religious Education Office Phone:** 337-364-9419

**Coordinator-Religious Education:** Yvonne Hebert 337-519-8411

**Assistant Coordinator:** Wendy Segura: 337-367-1602

**St. Marcellus Business Working Hours:**

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 pm**

**Sunday: 7:00 am & 9:00 am**

**Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 12:10 pm**

**\*First Friday of Month: Mass at 4:30pm**

**\*First Friday Adoration: 8:00am-4:00pm-Devotions**

**Friday: 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Friday of Month \*12:10 pm**

**\*Holy Hour: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month at 11:00 am**

**First Saturday of Month: 9:00am Mass (Rosary at 8:15am followed by Devotions) Children of Mary members please arrive at church by 8:00am for Rosary**

**BAPTISMS-** 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. **\*If you live outside of our parish, 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 INTENTION\$- Saturday, January 27 / 8:30am:** For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary at 8:00am)

**Saturday, January 27 / 4:00pm:** Bill & Susan (B) Broussard & Family Living & Deceased, Warren Pellerin, Goldie Moore, Elizabeth Segura, Paul & Linda Richard, Janell Rivers (B), Pete Bourque & Family Living & Deceased, Johnny & Ethel Viator, William & Dolores Dooley, Brooks Hebert, Sederic Hebert, E. J. DeRouen, For Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary at 3:30pm)

**Sunday, January 28 / 7:00am:** Cody David, Pete Bourque & Family Living & Deceased, For All Priests & Deacons Living & Deceased, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased

**Sunday, January 28 / 9:00am:** Shirley & Roland DeRouen & Family, M/M John Inzerella Family, M/M Ernest Crochet & Family, Joseph St. Michel Anthony Hebert & Family Living & Deceased, Pete Bourque & Family Living & Deceased, For All Seminarians of the Lafayette Diocese, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Chaplet at 8:30am)

**Monday, January 29 / 9:00am:** Harry Lynn & Judith Crandall Arnold & Family Living & Deceased, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary at 8:30am)

**Tuesday, January 30 / 12:10pm:** William & Dolores Dooley, For Priests & Deacons Living & Deceased, (Holy Hour at 11:00am)

**Wednesday, January 31 / 12:10pm:** William & Dolores Dooley, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Holy Hour at 11:00am)

**Thursday, February 1 / 12:10pm:** Haley Jo Hebert Dixon & Family Living & Deceased, Lisa Marie LeJuene Freyou & Family Living & Deceased, For Seminarians of the Lafayette Diocese (Holy Hour at 11:00am)

**First Friday, February 2 / 4:30pm:** Joseph (B) & Loucinda DuBois, Jude M. Boudreaux, For Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life (Adoration 8am-4pm then Devotions)

**First Saturday, February 3 / 9:00am:** For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary at 8:15am then Devotions)

**Saturday, February 3 / 4:00pm:** Rudell Landry & Family Living & Deceased, M/M Willie Dore, Randal Dore, Byron Dore, Dexter Landry, Gerald Laviolette, Barbara & Donald (B) Richard, Mack & Irene Wilson & Family, Jonathan Gautreau, Janell Rivers, Deceased Family Members of Jimmy & Bonnie Thibodeaux, Pete Bourque & Family Living & Deceased, Bill Broussard, Johnny & Ethel Viator, For Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary 3:30pm)

**Sunday, February 4 / 7:00am:** Cody David, Robert Leslie, Royal & Agnes Linnartz, LeeRoy O'Quinn, John Simon, Pete Bourque & Family Living & Deceased, For All Priests & Deacons Living & Deceased, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased

**Sunday, February 4 / 9:00am:** Shirley & Roland DeRouen & Family, M/M John Inzerella Family, M/M Ernest Crochet & Family, Pete Bourque & Family Living & Deceased, For All Seminarians of Lafayette Diocese, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary at 8:30am)

**SECOND COLLECTION-This Weekend, January 27 & 28,**

there will be a second collection for the **Church in Latin America.** For many in Latin America & the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more visit [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america).

**SECOND COLLECTION-Next weekend, February 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>,** there will be a second collection for the **Bishop's Services Appeal and Pledge Cards.**

**Prayer Ministry to the Sick and Dying-**Father James has approved this Ministry. Prayer Volunteers, please sign up on the table in the back of Church. We hope to offer prayer, **In Person**, to any parishioner who requests it for their loved ones. What it entails is going to a person's home (in groups of two or three) to pray not only for the dying but for the sick in need of prayer. Please call the rectory to make the request. (337) 364-0818. Remember, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am also." *Mt. 18:20* For more information, call Kathy Scott at (337) 365-5095 and leave a message.

**2023 TAX NOTIFICATIONS-**If you are interested in receiving a letter for your 2023 Church Contributions, please call the office (337-364-0818) and I will mail a letter to you. I have mailed letters to the parishioners from the 2022 list I have on file. If you no longer wish to receive tax notifications, please call the office to update records.

**2024 SUMMER VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL-**We are in need of 3 Volunteer Teachers and a Kitchen Helper. If interested, call Kathy Broussard at 337-352-1112, need to know ASAP.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 7050-**

The Knights would like to recognize the following:

**Knight of the Month-Tommy Hebert**

**Family of the Month-Ronnie & Loney Leeson**

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

**...The Knights are selling Pork Jambalaya Dinner Tickets at masses each weekend until the Fundraiser on Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup> from 10:30am-12:30pm. Tickets are \$9.00.**

Mrs. Margaret Bourque would like to thank the Bereavement Committee for all the food they prepared for Mr. Pete's funeral. Thank you!

**BISHOP'S SERVICES APPEAL EDUCATION WEEKEND-**

The theme of the 2024 Bishop's Services Appeal is ***Uniting as the Body of Christ*** in solidarity with the National Eucharistic Revival. We are called to go beyond ourselves and to Unite as One Body, as Jesus's hands and feet on Earth. Please prayerfully consider making a sacrificial gift or pledge to the Bishop's Services Appeal to support the ministries that bring Christ's love and care to those in need. This weekend is Bishop's Services Appeal Education Weekend. Come together to care for our Church and those in need through the BSA. Each time we extend Christ's compassion to others, we ourselves are ***Uniting as the Body of Christ***. May St. Marcellus parish respond with generosity.

**Please pray for those who are in the Armed Forces:**

**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**



**SANCTUARY LAMP-**

**...In Loving Memory of Warren Pellerin,  
Goldie Moore, Elizabeth Segura,  
Paul & Linda Richard  
by Dina Mayard**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS-**This coming session will consist of Homeschool lessons each month and 1 class per month. >**These grades: 2<sup>nd</sup> grade First Communion and 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation** classes will be held at the hall on Tuesdays from 6pm to 7pm. **The Next class is on Tuesday, January 30.**

>**Confirmation Retreat-at Nativity of Our Lady Church Hall on 130 North Richelieu, New Iberia. On Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> 5:30pm-9:30pm & on Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup> 8:30am Sign in & Breakfast-dismiss at 9:30pm.**

>**Elementary students:** 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> 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 Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>.**

>**High School students:** 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> 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 Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>.**

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

**FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT-Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>-Adoration 8:00am until 4:00pm, followed by Devotions, Mass at 4:30pm. There are hours left to fill so please consider spending one hour with the Blessed Sacrament.** The sign-up sheet can be found on table in the entrance of the Church.

**CATHOLIC HIGH-** Father James and The Councils have approved a measure for this year to defray a \$500.00 Parish Subsidy fee per family which is charged to St. Marcellus Parishioners whose children attend Catholic High School for 2024-2025 school year. Limit is one per family, and there is a cap to this fund, so apply soon. Catholic High needs these forms back no later than **January 31, 2024.** **Please put your completed CHS Parish Subsidy form in envelope marked Yvonne and put in collection or bring your forms from Catholic High to our office so Father can sign and stamp with Church Seal.**

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH** will be on each **Sunday** 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 5<sup>th</sup> grade.**

**ALTAR FLOWER FUND DONATIONS-**Anyone interested in donating for the **"2024 Flowers"**, 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-\*\$50.00 total for all 4.**  
**Price for the 1 Weekend Altar Artificial Flowers-\*\$20.00 for artificial flower arrangement.**  
**Price for 1 Weekend Altar Real Flowers-\$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.

**Please pray for those of our community who have requested our prayers:** William Guidry, Reagan Macicek, Michael Bourgeois Sr., 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, Charlissee 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 Creamer, Jermaine Boutte, Jennifer O'Neall, Randal Riggie, Rita & Steven King, Don Simon, Jessica Guidry, Barbara LeBlanc, 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.

**VOCATION CHALICE** 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.

**January / February**

- \***Rosary Group**-January 27-Feb. 3-Saturday at 4pm Mass
- \***Gwen Horton**-February 3-10-Saturday at 4pm Mass
- \***Melissa & Will Armentor**-February 10-17-Saturday at 4pm

**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.

**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 **Food Pantry** & drop it in the collection basket. Thank you for your continued support to this ministry.

**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 Reid Bourgeois  
Seminarian Matthew Authement

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.

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and website [www.lafayettevocations.org](http://www.lafayettevocations.org)



“We think sometimes that poverty is only being  
hungry, naked and homeless. The poverty of  
being unwanted, unloved and uncared for is the  
greatest poverty. We must start in our own  
homes to remedy this kind of poverty.”

*Saint Mother Teresa*

**CHURCH CLEANERS NEEDED**-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.

**ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED**-All boys and girls who have made  
their First Holy Communion and would like to become an Altar  
Server please call Yvonne Hebert (337-519-8411) or office 337-  
364-0818. They will be trained before they serve at mass.

**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](http://www.ourladyoftheoaks.com), or call 337-662-5410

**Men's Retreat-Avery Island-May 16-19-Call Tommy Hebert**  
**337-364-6949 or [rynella@hotmail.com](mailto:rynella@hotmail.com) to register**

**Women's Retreat-May 2-5, May 9-11, May 23-26, May 30-June**  
**2, June 20-23, June 28-30, August 15-18, August 23-25, plus more**

**Couple's Retreat-April 26-28, Sept. 6-8, Oct. 11-13**

**COME, LORD JESUS! GROUP**-The following Come, Lord  
Jesus group in our parish is: **Dan & Louise Duncan-Avery**  
**Island, 337-364-4966**, 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**  
**Wednesday, February 21, at 1:30pm in Church. Rosary at**  
**1pm. For more info call Faye Boutte at 337-944-6138.**

**MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY MASS-Sunday, February 4 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. **Please register by January 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**12noon deadline to secure your spot.**

**Reflection on the Gospel**-In the gospel, we see Jesus acclaimed as  
the promised “prophet like Moses,” who teaches with authority  
and has power to cast out unclean spirits. While at first people  
respond with amazement and wonder, they will quickly turn on  
him. Prophets not only confront unjust forces external to the faith  
community but also confront believers through their searing ability  
to speak truth. In a sense, all followers of Jesus are called to both  
receive and exercise a prophetic ministry like Moses and Jesus.  
*-Living Liturgy tm, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 2024*

**MASSES TIMES FOR ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14-**

**Masses at 12:10pm & 5:30pm**

“Love cannot remain by itself—it has no meaning.  
Love has to be put into action, and that action is service.”

*Venerable Fulton Sheen*

“The eyes of the world see no further than this life, as mine see  
no further than this wall when the church door is shut.

The eyes of the Christian see deep into eternity.”

*Catechism of the Holy Spirit-Thoughts of the Curé D'Ar*

**EXERCISE CLASS**-There are exercise classes for Seniors on  
**Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 8:45am to 9:45am at the**  
**Hall.** 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.**

**Pro-Life Quote**-“Many people are unaware that someone they  
know personally is silently suffering from participation in abortion.  
If a friend confided in you tomorrow that she had an abortion,  
would you be able to respond in a way that brings her closer to  
healing? Learn how in “How to Talk to a Friend Who’s Had an  
Abortion” <http://bit.ly/friend-had-abortion> USCCB Secretariat  
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**► 2023 BISHOP'S SERVICES APPEAL UPDATE**-As of  
**Dec. 31-Total Collected-\$12,116.41 Our 2023 Goal-\$8,438.00**  
**We made our goal by 144%. Thank you!**

The Diocese reached 99.9% of their goal \$2,740,800.00. The  
impact of these gifts is immediate. More meals are being  
shared across Acadiana, and more beds are available for those  
seeking shelter. More Catholic adults are trained to strengthen  
the future of the church through Catechetics and Youth  
Minister programs. More individuals and families alike are  
getting the help they need on a journey of healing through  
Marriage and Family Life ministries. More seminarians are  
growing on their path to the priesthood. And there IS so much  
more being done. St. Marcellus received a rebate check  
for the 2023 BSA of \$1,838.99 from the 50% of the amount over  
our Goal. Thank you!

**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 Sacramental  
Marriage recognized by the Catholic Church according to its  
Church law. **Upcoming weekends: April 26-28, Sept. 13-15.**  
For cost of weekends, and to learn more, visit website  
[www.ceelafayette.org](http://www.ceelafayette.org) or Contact Mike & Phyllis Totaro at 337-  
962-5798 or [reginfo.ceelaf@gmail.com](mailto:reginfo.ceelaf@gmail.com)

**RETROUVAILLE**—is a ministry for troubled marriages. This  
program has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of  
disillusionment or misery in their marriage. The weekend  
provides safe setting encouraging couples to learn  
communication in marriage in a respectful manner. Visit  
[www.helpourmarriage.com](http://www.helpourmarriage.com) for more information & to register.  
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