

The Pastor's Corner

Things continue to go well in the transition of pastors in our parish. Each week I get to know more people and am learning more about our parish. It's been a great month and I appreciate everything each of you have done to welcome me and make my transition comfortable. As several of you have suggested, one liturgical adjustment that could be made is to schedule more Eucharistic Ministers for each Mass. As the new school year approaches, Mass attendance tends to increase as families return home from vacation, and this has occurred over the last few weeks. It is expected that Mass attendance will continue to increase for the next few weeks as more families return home and we settle into our "school year" rhythm. We are in the process of scheduling additional Eucharistic Ministers, but this may take a few weeks, so I ask for your patience in the interim.

This Sunday, August 8th, is the 102nd anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone in our current church. This is a good time to reflect on the beauty of our Church and to thank those who came before us for the great gift they left us. Our worship of God is most important, and our ancestors and predecessors definitely left us a most fitting place to do so. On a trivia note, the rector/pastor at the time of construction of the Church, according to the cornerstone, was "Rev. J. Engerbrink." In Valentin Hall, there is a portrait of a priest named "Fr. John Engberink" who was the "Dutchman" responsible for building the current Church and was the pastor here from 1895 to 1918. His tomb in the Church has the same spelling. In the rectory, there is a mini-portrait of "Fr. John Embrank", who looks exactly like the man in the portrait in Valentin Hall. We know all three are the same man, but his name is spelled differently in each place, and two of the three items (the cornerstone and the mini-portrait, which have the most diverse spellings) appear to have been done within a close period of time. Does anyone know the correct spelling?

Fr. James Brady

Religious Ed Classes

Registration is ongoing for High School Religion Classes. Come by the office (Monday through Thursday from 8:30am-noon & 1:00pm to 3:45pm) for registration forms. Fridays from 8:30am to 11:45am.

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING
Week of August 8, 2010

- Reading I Wisdom 18: 6-9**
On the long-awaited Passover night, God's children offered the paschal sacrifice.
- Psalm 33** Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own."
- Reading II Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19**
By faith, we join our ancestors in faith, as together in hope we journey toward our homeland.
- Gospel, Luke 12: 32-48**
The Son of Man will come at an unexpected hour.

THEME

Do not live in fear. Live, and be ready!

Let us now be attentive to the word of God, which reminds us to nurture our faith constantly, our vision focused on the coming of the Lord. We await our inheritance of the heavenly kingdom promised to those who put their faith in the Lord Jesus.

Questions of the week

- Question for Children,**
Jesus tells us to always be ready to hear him. What are some ways he speaks to us?
- Question for Youth,**
If Jesus were to knock on your door today and give you a report card on your life as his disciple, what grade would you get? Where would be your areas for improvement?
- Question for Adults,**
On a daily basis, what are some ways to keep yourself ready for God to act? How do you pay attention to God's often-less-than-obvious actions?

BULLETIN BITES

"For where your treasure is, there also will be your heart."

The trash we put on the curb to be discarded reveals much about who we are and what we do in life. It contains the packaging of the products that we treasure. It reveals where our heart is. What is in our trash? Is it packaging from the latest electronic games, the best type of athletic equipment, the current fashion in clothes [no matter how revealing], the appliances with the most features, containers that held gourmet foods, too many liquor bottles and beer cans, and the shredded documents of the fortune we are trying to amass? There are some people whose hearts are not revealed by their trash. They have no trash. Sadly, they have nothing to throw away. They do not have sufficient food and they have very little clothing. We would do well to remember the words of Jesus, "Much will be required of the person who has much, and still more of the person entrusted with more". When we bring our trash to the curb we should ask, "How much treasure have I been entrusted with and what does this trash reveal about my heart?"

MASS INTENTIONS



FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, August 7 4:00 p.m. M/M Robert Going Sr., James E. Martin, Walfred LeBlanc Sr. and Wally, Ronnie J. Vidrine, Richard E. Savage, Jeanette Lalonde, Dr. Richard Hargroder, Lee Martin

Sunday, August 8 8:00 a.m. Youle and Theresa Fontenot, Martin J. St.Amand, Carol Pitre and M/M E.J. Leonard, M/M Ezra Martin & Denise Hull (DA), M/M Conrad O. Martin, M/M Kossuth Doucet, Lloyd (DA) and Evelyn (DA) Arnaud, Joey Prather

10:00 a.m. Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith, Frank & Marguerite Miller (WA), Allen Hudspeth Sr., Van, Edward and Allen Jr.

5:00 p.m. St. Landry Church Parishioners, Harold Savoy, Jackie Benoit

Monday, August 9 12:10 p.m. Wayne Wyble, Brett (BD) & Jill Boullion (WA) and family

Tuesday, August 10 **NO MASS**

Wednesday, August 11 12:10 p.m. Christopher Carey, Wesley Guidroz (BD)

Thursday, August 12 12:10 p.m. Walfred LeBlanc Sr. (DA)

Friday, August 13 12:10 p.m. Theresa D. Speyrer, Bryan Joubert (BD) and family

Saturday, August 14 4:00 p.m. Walfred LeBlanc Sr. and Wally, James G. and Bertha C. Firmin, Ronnie J. Vidrine, Richard E. Savage, Jeanette Lalonde, Dr. Richard Hargroder, Lee Martin, Oscar, Agnes, Dr. Robert Lee Roy

Sunday, August 15 8:00 a.m. Una L. Moreau, Youle and Theresa Fontenot, Martin J. St. Amand, Carol Pitre and M/M E.J. Leonard, William Andrepont, Gertrude A. & Alvin Marks, Amar, Maryina and A.B. Courville Sr., Souls In Purgatory, M/M Ezra Martin and Denise Hull, Irl White, Joey Prather

10:00 a.m. Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith, Daniel and Louise Lagrange, M/M Jesse J. Pitre Sr., Claude & Anna Soileau and Betty Valin, Frank Miller, Mitzi Lanclos (BD)

5:00 p.m. St. Landry Church Parishioners, Jackie Benoit, Allen Hudspeth Sr., Van, Edward and Allen Jr.

Confessions, Saturdays 3:00-3:45 p.m.
11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri.

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Regular Offertory Collection\$6,754.24
 Maintenance Repair\$1,680.18
 Church Building Main. Endowment\$300.00

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REMINDERS OF THE WEEK

- Monday, 9 August** 5:30pm Choir Practice
- 6:15pm Rosary at Monument
- Thursday, 12 August** 6:30pm OC Starts
- Friday, 13 August** 8:40am All School Mass

Pray for Our Troops

Jonathan David Ardoin and Brandi Darbonne
 Please call the office (942-6552) to add names.
 All Powerful God, we pray for your continued guidance and blessings on all who serve our country in the military. Amen

DONATION

A donation was received from The St. Landry Altar Society in memory of Louis Thomas, brother of Mrs. Augustine Wilson.

Prayer Intentions

Clifford and Jane Ardoin, Anna Lee Beadle, Gerard Boudreaux, Wilbur Briley, Chris Brewster, Kirk Courville, Robert Danaher, Glenn Derington, Shirley Emonet, Tristen Estes, Paul Franks, Craig S. Guillory, Agnes Kidder, Renella Laverne, Deacon John Miller, Ron Moreau, Julie Mouton, Melanie M. Richard, Novella Sebastian, Elaine Talbott, Patrick Steward Jr., James Touchet, Janey Vidrine, Warren Wyble

It is Diocesan policy that to put someone on the Prayer List, you must first have his or her permission.

OC Corner

Opelousas Catholic begins another blessed school year beginning this Thursday with the first day of classes for 2010-11. There are a few elementary class openings remaining in grades K, 1, 3, and 5 as well as junior high and high school grades. Please call 942-5404 ext. 101 immediately to give your child a quality education in a caring Catholic atmosphere.

Parents of OC alumni (graduates of more than 5 years ago) are encouraged to send their children's current mailing address information to the OC Development Office as soon as possible. Homecoming 2010 details will be mailed out soon.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Stress In Your Marriage

Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, frustrated or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness and simply shut down. Others experience conflict and arguments in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information about or to register for the August 27-29 program, call 1-800-470-2230.

www.helpourmarriage.com

Our Lady of the Oaks

Weekend Retreats for Women:

- August 12-15; September 9-12 & 16-19
- October 14-17 November 11-14
- December 2-5

Married Couples Retreat:

October 22-24

For more information call 662-5410 or visit the website at www.ourladyoftheoaks.com.

Jesuit Spirituality Center

Individually Directed Retreats:

- August 23; September 1;
- September 13-22; September 27 through October 6

A Day of Renewal for Women

Saturday, August 21 from 9am-4pm.
Presenter: Andrea Vidrine

Workshop on Life Transitions:

Friday, September 10 through Sunday, September 12;
Presenter Father Hernando Ramirez, S.J.
Call 662-5251 or jeuitspiritualitycenter.org for more information.

SANCTUARY LIGHT

CHURCHFor a grace-filled school year
 CHAPEL.....All Students returning to school

ALTAR SOCIETY

Group III..... Irene Soileau, Week of Aug. 14, 2010
Group IV..... Sarah Wagley, Week of Aug. 21, 2010