

The Pastor's Corner

In the coming weeks, Catholics in every parish in the Diocese of Lafayette will hear about the Bishop's Services Appeal.

Our local Diocesan Church is comprised of 121 church parishes and missions serving 300,000 Catholics from all walks of life in 8 civil parishes. Supporting the Bishop's Services Appeal is a vital sign of our unity in Christ as we reach out in faith to love one another in Jesus' name. Supporting this special Appeal is also a meaningful way of expressing our gratitude to God for his many blessings, by fulfilling our stewardship responsibility to share our gifts in justice and love with others.

PLEASE RESPOND TO THIS VITAL APPEAL.

2010 Public Square Rosary Crusade

Please join us for the 2010 Public Square Rosary Crusade. As we all know, the United States is in great need of public prayer, repentance, and conversion. We must ask God to save America through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother.

Come and join us in praying for our nation on October 16, 2010 at 12:00 noon.

The local Public Square Rosary Rally will take place at the St. Landry Parish Courthouse Square near the Nativity building.

Contact Ann Purser at 948-8832 for more information. Also you may wish to visit the America Needs Fatima website at: www.ANF.org

Junior Catholic Daughter Court

Catholic Daughter Court St. Landry #119 is forming a Junior Catholic Daughter Court.

All girls, ages 6 – 18, are invited to an informational meeting/social on Sunday, October 10 from 3:00 – 5:00 at Our Lady of Mercy Catechetical Building.

The mission of the CDA Youth Program is to nurture personal and spiritual growth, to promote service to others and to foster an awareness and appreciation of diversity through a variety of suggested activities and experiences.

Please join us for an enjoyable afternoon on October 10. For more information, please call Debbie Fay, 594-8198 after 6:00pm.

Pray for our Troops

Jonathan David Ardoin, Christopher Briley, Brandi Darbonne, Brian James Dendy, A.J. Korn, Andre Ledoux, Benjamin Pitre, Danny Pitre.

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

Adult Religious Education Classes (RCIA)

Tuesday at 6:30pm, the adult religion class will be discussing the Holy Spirit, Grace, what is Grace and how do we receive it. For more information, call Deacon John W. Miller at 337-942-2911

Stewardship Expressions

As summer changes to autumn, make a special effort to observe reflections of surrounding changes in God's Creation. This awareness can broaden an appreciation for the many gifts that God bestows on us throughout a lifetime. Praise God with gratitude.

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

Week of September 26, 2010

Reading I Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Woe to the complacent rich!

Psalm 146 "Praise the Lord, my soul!"

Reading II Timothy 6:11-16

Seek after virtues with lasting value.

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

There once was a rich man, and at his gate lay the beggar Lazarus.

THEME,

God cares for the poor and the oppressed and we should too!

Once again we are about to listen to scriptures that challenge us to the core. If any parable is critical of a culture of consumerism and greed, it is today's familiar story of the rich man and Lazarus. This parable has power to chill us to the bone, since it gets to the heart of what it means to be a true disciple. Let us open our hearts to these words and pray that the Holy Spirit will strengthen us on our journey of conversion.

Questions of the week

Question for Children,

Jesus teaches us to share what we have with others. What do you have that you are able to share?

Question for Youth,

The Gospel story tells us that we are judged by what we do or don't do for the poor and needy. How are you currently reaching out to those in need? What more could you do?

Question for Adults,

What choices can you or have you made to balance your own life with those who are homeless, poor and in need of assistance for daily living? How does this Gospel reading inform you about that?

Bulletin Bites

"If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead."

The words of Jesus at the end of the story about the rich man who had more than he needed and Lazarus the beggar seem rather harsh. There is no gentle way to say that when we are dead it will be too late to do the good we should have done when we were alive. Unfortunately, when it comes to imitating Jesus we all have a little Scarlett O'Hara in us: "I'll take care of that tomorrow!" We will get around to it. Try this exercise. Get a pencil or pen and a blank sheet of paper. Draw a circle. Take a pair of scissors and cut along the lines of the circle. Now write inside the circle the letters TOIT. You now have a ROUND TOIT. You no longer have any more excuses for not imitating Jesus. That is, of course, unless you do not know Jesus. And whose fault is that? Here is another exercise: Pick up the Bible!! Read it!! You will learn what Jesus promised and that He rose from the dead. With that knowledge and your ROUND TOIT, you should be all set. Get busy imitating Jesus by loving God and your neighbor as yourself.

MASS INTENTIONS



FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, Sept. 25 4:00 p.m. Una L. Moreau, Velma and Patsy Gail Boss, Walfred LeBlanc Sr. and Wally, Ronnie J. Vidrine, Jeanette Lalonde, Evelyn T. Batton, Dr. Richard Hargroder, Lee Martin

Sunday, Sept. 26 8:00 a.m. Youle and Theresa Fontenot, Martin J. St.Amand, Carol Pitre and M/M E. J. Leonard, M/M Ezra Martin and Denise Hull, Irl White, Joey Prather, Emily Guidry, Willard Andrepoint, Gertrude A. and Alvin Marks, Amar, Maryina and A.B. Courville Sr., Souls In Purgatory, Eddie DeKerlegand

10:00 a.m. Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith, Theresa D. Speyrer (BD), Claude & Anna Soileau and Betty Valin, Ernie and Steven McKinney, Lawrence, Lilly, Mickey and Joyce Hollier, Grace Soileau, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. and Doris H. Philippe, Frank Miller, Walter Mouret Jr.

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

Monday, Sept. 27 12:10 p.m Wayne Wyble, Amar Courville (DA)

Tuesday, Sept. 28 NO MASS

Wednesday, Sept. 29 12:10 p.m. M/M Jessie J. Pitre Sr.

Thursday, Sept. 30 12:10 p.m. Wayne Wyble

Friday, Oct. 1 12:10 p.m. Ethel L. Meaux, Lou Ella Lognion, Teddy J. Meaux, Theresa D. Speyrer, Eddie DeKerlegand (BD)

Saturday, Oct. 2 4:00 p.m. M/M Robert Going Sr., James E. Martin, Walfred LeBlanc Sr. and Wally, Ronnie J. Vidrine, Jeanette Lalonde, Dr. Richard Hargroder, Kelly Danahe

Sunday, Oct 3 8:00 a.m. M/M John FaKouri Sr., John Jr. and Jacob, Youle (BD) and Theresa Fontenot, Martin J. StAmand, Carol Pitre and M/M E. J. Leonard, Eddie DeKerlegand

10:00 a.m. Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith, Allen Richard, Carl James Lanclous (BD), Robert Batton, Bobbie & Julie Mouton, Ronnie & Steve Ardoin and the Rider family, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. and Doris H. Philippe, Frank Miller

5:00 p.m. St. Landry Church Parishioners, Jackie Benoit, Allen Hudspeth Sr., Van, Edward and Allen, Edwards – Perrault families, Harold Savoy

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

**Second Collection
Week of October 3, 2010
St. Landry Church Maintenance Fund**

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION
Your Stewardship To God**

Regular Offertory Collection\$5,664.14
Maintenance & Repair\$316.00
Opelousas Catholic School.....\$953.11
A/C - Repair/Maintenance\$100.00

Every Gift Comes From Above.



Thank you for your generosity!

REMINDERS OF THE WEEK

Saturday, Sept. 25 and Sunday, Sept. 26

Ministry Fair after all Masses

Monday, Sept. 27 5:30pm Choir Practice
6:15pm Rosary at Monument
Tuesday, Sept. 28 6:30pm RCIA
Thursday, Sept. 30 6:30pm Come, Lord Jesus
OC Fair Begins

Friday, Oct. 1 8:40am All School Mass
First Friday Adoration begins at 7:00am/Mass 12:10pm
First Saturday—Benediction at 7:45am/Mass at 8:00am

Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend

Attend a Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend in preparation for your marriage.

Upcoming weekend dates are November 5 – 7 and January 21 – 23.

For other dates or to learn more visit www.lafayettecee.org or phone 337- 984-7954.

Prayer Intentions

Betty Jane Andrus, Janet Andrus, Clifford and Jane Ardoin, John Aucoin, Thelma Aucoin, Anna Lee Beadle, Gerry S. Bouchereau, Gerard Boudreaux, Wilbur Briley, Chris Brewster, Raylyn Chapman, Kirk Courville, Robert Danaher, Glenn Derington, Kacey Dupre, Shirley Emonet, Tristen Estes, Paul Franks, Craig S. Guillory, Agnes Kidder, Renella Lavergne, Deacon & Mrs. Laura Miller, Ron Moreau, Julie Mouton, Melanie M. Richard, Joseph James Robin, Jimmy Roy, Novella Sebastien, Vernita Stelly Patrick Steward Jr., Ervin Thibodeaux, James Touchet, Lou Vidrine, Annette Voorhies, Brandy Willingham, Warren Wyble

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

OC Corner

The annual Opelousas Catholic Fall Fair is set for next weekend (Thursday, Sept. 30 – Sunday, Oct. 3) Please bring the family out to the OC campus to enjoy the carnival rides, food, bakery, flea market, games and music! The popular Sunday barbeque dinners will be available, and the band Matthew Ewing & Fueling the Fire, will play from 2pm to 5pm on Sunday. Call the school for more information at 942-5404.

Homecoming festivities are approaching with the parade on Oct. 7th and the game on Oct. 8th.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Our Lady of the Oaks

Weekend Retreats for Women:

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:

October 11-20; October 25-November 3;
November 8-17 and December 6-15

AA Weekend: Staying Sober with 12 Step

Wednesday, December 1—Sunday, December 5
For more information call 337-662-5251 or go online to jesuitspiritualitycenter.org

Rosary Congress

Twelfth Annual Rosary Congress
Oct. 4 through Oct. 8 at St. John Berchman's Church in Cankton, La.
More info. call 407-1741 or 668-4221.

Vocation Supper for Young Men

Wed., Oct. 6 at 6:30pm at Bishop Jarrell's residence.
Deadline to register is Wed. Sept. 29..
Call 261-5690 for more information or to register

Friends Day

Why Does God Allow Suffering? Saturday, October 9
9am – 12noon Community of Jesus Crucified
421 ½ Carmel Dr. Lafayette. Gloria @ 337-896-0524

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Fall is right around the corner and is a beautiful season full of color and crisp fresh air.

A Marriage Encounter Weekend is like autumn because it's a weekend full of new discoveries, new beginnings, and a time to rejoice in the beauty of your marriage and family.

It's a great time to rekindle communication and enjoy a weekend away. The next available WWME weekend is Oct. 15 – 17 at the Bishop Tracy Center in Baton Rouge.

For more info. call (800) 586-5469 or go online at www.wwme.org To register online go to www.wwme-nogl.com

SANCTUARY LIGHT

CHURCH..... Successful Ministry Fair
CHAPELGrace-filled retreat for OC Seniors

ALTAR SOCIETY

Group III Irene Soileau, Week of Oct. 2, 2010

Group IV Sarah Wagley, Week of Oct. 9, 2010