

The Pastor's Corner

It has been a busy week, and a good one for our parish. Last weekend, we had our first parish workday, and it was a great success. Those who attended worked hard and had a good time doing it, as it was not just a time of work, but also a time of fraternity. Thanks to those who were able to make it. We had about 25 people who participated, beginning with First Saturday Benediction and Mass. We were able to scrape and sand most of the garage doors that face Prudhomme St. We also pressure washed the back of Valentin Hall and the sidewalks along most of the grounds. Finally, we were able to clean much of the rectory, including the back windows and rooms that had been damaged by water over the years. Our grounds, collectively "The House of God", look better every week. Many thanks to those who gave their time, talent and treasure. We will try to incorporate these workdays regularly in the future.

Last weekend, we also began a change in our music ministry. Our traditional organ choir was re-established, and our choir that had been serving at the 10am Mass moved to the Sunday 5pm Mass. Both choirs did a great job with the transition, and we thank them for their hard work and flexibility during this time.

Our high school CCD and Confirmation preparation class also began last weekend. It was great to see such good attendance of candidates and their parents. Valentin Hall was packed, and it was clear that we have both candidates and parents who are dedicated to their formation in the faith. We look forward to a successful program culminating in Confirmation of about 20 young people in the Spring.

One thing that has been a challenge for us as a parish is servicing the 5pm Sunday Mass with ministers. As one who took advantage of a "Mass of convenience" as a member of the laity, I understand that it may be difficult to commit to serve at the 5pm Mass. However, as a parish, that commitment has to be made in order that the 5pm Mass be a time when we can properly worship. If you are able, even if the commitment is just one time a month, please call the office to offer your service. We need altar servers, readers, ushers, and extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist. Not only will your service be greatly appreciated, but a commitment to your Church and Faith will help you in your journey towards Christ.

Many thanks again for the great week - I am blessed to be your pastor. Please keep me in your prayers, and know that you are in mind.

Fr. James Brady

Intentions of Our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI

General: "That victims of drugs or of other dependence may, thanks to the support of the Christian community, find in the power of our saving God, strength for a radical life-change.

Mission: "That the Churches of Latin America may move ahead with the continent-wide mission proposed by their bishops, making it part of the universal missionary task of the People of God."

BSA FOLLOW-UP

Many in the Diocese have responded generously to the Bishop's Services Appeal. This has enabled:

- poorer parishes to remain open.
the Diocese to provide sacraments and maintain a Catholic presence in faith communities.
children from all walks of life to receive Catholic teachings in a Christ centered environment.
chaplains to care for the ill, the elderly, the lonely, the dying, the grieving, and those in prison.
family life to be strengthened and the young to be kept active and engaged in the faith.
elderly priests to be able to enjoy a peaceful and dignified retirement.
our seminarians to be well educated to effectively serve and minister in parishes and other apostolates.

Prayer for Cancer Patients

Mighty God, Send your loving angels to those whose lives are affected by cancer. Give them strength. Give them faith. Give them hope. Help them to realize that wherever this road may lead them, it will be less difficult in the company of those they love. May they never forget that each day is a precious gift from You. AMEN

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

Week of November 14, 2010

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Reading I Malachi 3:19-20a

Lo, the sun of justice will rise!

Psalm 98 "The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice."

Reading II 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Instead of keeping busy, some are minding the business of others.

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

When will the end of the world arrive?

THEME.

The day of the Lord is a day of hope and joy.

Both the prophet Malachi and the Lord Jesus present us with images of the end times. Both offer frightening discourses. Yet the conclusions of these discourses offer hope for those who persevere in faith. Instead of expending energy trying to guess when the end will come, we are encouraged to use that energy in working for God's reign here on earth. Let today's readings inspire us to spend our time doing works of Christian charity. Let us stand ready for the day of redemption.

Shopper d'Noel

Shopper d'Noel serves nursing home residents with the experience of holiday shopping.

The Opelousas Sunrise Rotary organization is coordinating the event in Opelousas, on Sunday, November 28 from 2:00pm until 4:00pm.

Community Volunteers choose the nursing home they want to service (in Opelousas). Community Volunteers should arrive to help with set up between 1:00pm and 1:30pm.

The event is made possible from community donations of new and gently used items. Suggested donated items are lotions; ceramic figurines, fashion pins, ties, scarves; children toys; books; picture frames; etc.

Gift wrapping paper and tape are great helpers for wrapping the gifts at the gift-wrapping table.

The event needs volunteers to help the residents shop for their family members. Your family and organizational members are invited to learn how important these residents are to our community. This is a great intergenerational activity for our youth.

Donations are accepted at the following locations:

St. Landry Catholic Church at Valentin Hall. Opelousas General Health System—boxes in foyers.

Call Yvonne L. Normand, Shoppe d'Noel Chair at 308-3474 for more information.

Pray for our Troops

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

Junior Catholic Daughters

The Jr. Catholic Daughters will have a living rosary on Sunday, December 5th, following the 5pm Mass at St. Landry Church.

All children, ages 7-14, members and non-members, are invited to participate.

Please call Mary Joubert @ 594-8408 or Cindy Noel @ 942-5124 to sign up.

Reminder from Fr. Brady

Please remember to join us for a social with coffee; juice and donuts after the 8am and 10am masses in the south sacristy.

ALL are welcome and it would be especially nice to meet our new parishioners.

CHILDREN: Don't forget to see Father after Mass and receive your Children's Bulletin!

MASS INTENTIONS



FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, Nov. 13 4:00 p.m. Anna Nhiem Pham; James E. Martin; Walfred LeBlanc Sr. and Wally; Ronnie J. Vidrine; Dr. Richard Hargroder; Angela & Martin Cosgrove; Eumae Dupuis; Jeanette Lalonde; Carlton Joseph Lazard

Sunday, Nov. 14 8:00 a.m. Youle & Theresa Fontenot; Martin J. St.Amand; Carol Pitre and M/M E.J. Leonard; Eddie DeKerlegand 10:00 a.m. Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith; Daniel & Louise Lagrange; Family of Hugh and Lula Bihm; Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. and Doris H. Philippe; Frank Miller; M/M Ezra Martin and Denise Hull; Irl White; Harold Savoy; Seldon Joseph Deshotels Jr.

5:00 p.m. St. Landry Church Parishioners; Elaine Bergeron Lemoine Monday, Nov. 15. 12:10 p.m. Tricia Guidroz (BD); Joe Bono (DA)

Tuesday, Nov. 16 NO MASS

Wednesday, Nov. 17 12:10 p.m. Wayne Wyble; Jeanne-Marie Boullion (BD)

Thursday, Nov. 18 12:10 p.m. M/M Jesse J. Pitre Sr., Alvin Fontenot (BD)

Friday, Nov. 19. 12:10 p.m. Wayne Wyble

Saturday, Nov. 20 4:00 p.m. Walfred LeBlanc Sr. and Wally; Ronnie J. Vidrine; Dr. Richard Hargroder; Oscar, Agnes and Dr. Robert Lee Roy; M/M Roy Whaley (WA); Angela and Martin Cosgrove; Verlie Savoy; Jeanette Lalonde; Anna Nhiem Pham Sunday, Nov. 21 8:00 a.m. Youle and Theresa Fontenot; Martin J. St. Amand; Carol Pitre and M/M E. J. Leonard, Eddie DeKerlegand

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5:00 p.m. St. Landry Church Parishioners; 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.

Second Collection

Week of November 21, 2010

Campaign for Human Development

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Your Stewardship To God

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Regular Offertory Collection (\$5,191.87), Maintenance & Repair (\$1,741.58), Bishops' Services Appeal (\$40.00), and Opelousas Catholic School (\$10.00).

Every Gift Comes From Above.



Thank you for your generosity!

REMINDERS OF THE WEEK

Table with 3 columns: Day, Time, and Event. Lists events for Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, including Mass Choir, Religious Ed, Choir Practice, Rosary, Meeting of Extraordinary Ministers, and Harvest Mass.

Welcome into our Catholic Family through the Sacrament of Baptism

Kaleb Ryan Thibodeaux son of Lance and Jovi Stelly Thibodeaux

Prayer Intentions

Betty Jane Andrus, Janet Andrus, Clifford and Jane Ardoin, John Aucoin, Thelma Aucoin, Anna Lee Beadle, Steve Bienvenu, Gerry S. Bouchereau, Gerard Boudreaux, Wilbur Briley, Chris Brewster, Dr. Dan Buller, Holly Burleigh, Brandon Castille, Raylyn Chapman, Robert Danaher, Glenn Derington, Harley Doucet, Brad Douget, Vickie Duplechain, Kacey Dupre, Tristen Estes, Linda and Terry Fontenot, Paul Franks, Craig S. Guillory, Ted Guillory Jr., Agnes Kidder, Renella Lavergne, Edward Leblanc, Norma Jean Leger, Deacon John & Mrs. Laura Miller, Julie Mouton, Lonnie and Cindy Ortego, Helen Richard, Melanie M. Richard, Joseph James Robin, Jimmy Roy, Novella Sebastien, Al Soileau, Special Intentions, 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.

Women's Day of Reflection

Catholic Daughter Court #119 will be sponsoring a women's Day of Reflection. Please join us on Saturday, November 20 from 8:30 to 3:15 at Our Lady Queen of Angels Church Hall.

The Advent Day of Recollection is designed to prepare us for the wonderful liturgical season of Advent. The keynote speaker will be Patti Clement, Spiritual Director from Baton Rouge.

Seating is limited, so please register early. Application deadline is November 12.

For more information, please call Debbie Fay @ 594-8198.

OC Corner

Parents are reminded about the PTO meeting on Wednesday at 6:00pm in the cafeteria and that progress reports will be posted to Edline on Wednesday.

The 2010 Angel Appeal Drive is still in progress until December 31st. Gifts will benefit the school's Foundation Trust Fund and will help to purchase new desks in the elementary and to pay for refurbishing of lockers in the upper grades. Please forward gifts to the OC Development Office as soon as possible.

May God bless our angels!!

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our own Debbie Fay, who was named Catholic Daughter of the Year by the Catholic Daughters of America, Court St. Landry.

Debbie, obviously, is active in the Catholic Daughters and is also an active parishioner her at St. Landry Church. We are appreciative of her work and dedication to our church and for the Catholic Daughters. We thank her for both, and for putting her faith into action.

KC Council 1173

FLAGS: The Knights of Columbus Council 1173 has established a fund to replace the Flags around the Fr. LaFleur Monument as they become worn.

A set (5 flags) has an approximate cost of \$250.00 and the Knights are accepting donations.

Contact any Council 1173 Knight or Kenneth Thibodeaux @ 942-2736.

SILVER ROSE: On Friday November 19, 2010, we will be hosting the Knights of Columbus Silver Rose Program, which is a devotion to our Blessed Mother under the title of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The beautiful silver rose will be coming through our city to inspire a trail of prayer for respect for human life, which is God's gift, from conception to natural death.

The prayer service will begin at 6:30pm in the Church and consists of four parts: The Rosary, a Liturgy of the Word, an Act of Consecration, and the Final Blessing.

This devotion provides an opportunity for us, as a parish, to witness to our commitment to upholding the dignity of human life, and to pray that we as a society will come to respect this God given dignity at all stages of life on earth.

Please come and join us for an evening of witness and prayer.

Po-Boy Lunch: On Wednesday, November 24, Council 1173 will be having their annual Sausage Po-Boy and Chip sale for a cost of \$5.00.

The time for pick-up is from 11:00am -1:00pm at the KC Hall on N. Main St.

SANCTUARY LIGHT

CHURCHIntentions of Pope Benedict XVI
CHAPELGood results for people undergoing cancer treatment.

ALTAR SOCIETY

Group II..... Irene Soileau, Week of Nov. 20, 2010

Group III..... Sarah Wagley, Week of Nov. 27, 2010