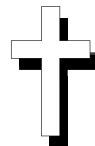


MASS INTENTIONS AND CELEBRANT



Prayer Intentions

Ashley Allemond, Clifford and Jane Ardoin, John Aucoin, Gervis "BB" Babin, Dennis Bahr, Anna Lee Beadle, Roberta Bernard, Steve and Paula Bienvenue, Gerard Boudreaux, Wilbur Briley, Leanna Briley, Meaghan Briley, Wilber Briley, Janice Brown, Vanessa Brown, Holly Burleigh, Brandon Castille, Nelson "Shorty" Castille, Raylyn Chapman, Thom Daly, Lou D'Avy, Robert Danaher, Glenn Derington, Becky Diesi, Harley Doucet, Olivia Doucet, Lane W. Dugas, Vickie Duplechaine, Glenn Durio, Shirley Emonet, Tristen Estes, Linda and Terry Fontenot, Craig S. Guillory, Ted Guillory Jr., Wilma Guillory, Maggie Halphen, Angela Hargroder, Joy Harms, Lillian Hooks, Margie Hebert, Agnes Kidder, Brittany LeBlanc, George LeBlanc & Family, Olivia Lanolos, Dottie Lavergne, Olivia LeBlanc, Mike Luelllewlyn, Theresa Mallet, Dale Martin, Georgie Meche & family, Gloria Miller, Laura Miller, Romaine Miller, Brandy Monde, Cameron Norris, Miya Norse, Lonnie and Cindy Ortego, Gil Ortego, Marty Ortego, Yvonne F. Pellerin, Ricky Pousson, Butch Richard, Helen Richard, Joseph James Robin, Jimmy Roy, Ken Roy, Myrtle Ryder, Lauren Sebastien, Annie Kay Segura, Corrine Soileau, Emmadine Soileau, Scotty Speyrer, Patrick Steward Jr., Thomas Stoute, Yola Stoute, Margaret Thibodeaux, James Touchet, Kelly Trahan, Lena Trahan, Lou Vidrine, Annette Voorhies, Brandy Willingham, Pat Woodson, Warren Wyble, Mike Young, Natalie

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

Pray for our Troops

Jonathan David Ardoin; Christopher Briley; Jacob DeKerlegand; Hunter Dubuc; Brian James Dendy; Dakin Doyle; Clint Duhon; Eric Hart; A.J. Korn; Garrett Ryan Lanolos; Andre Ledoux; Danny Pitre; Trevor Reilly; Zach Reilly; Joshua Thomassee; 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.

PARISH REGISTRATION IS IMPORTANT!!!

All who attend St. Landry Catholic Church SHOULD BE REGISTERED with the Church Office. No matter what parish you might "live in territorially"; if you attend our Parish Family Celebrations regularly on the weekend, we invite you to be a parishioner of St. Landry Church by registering. This will give a clearer picture of the numbers of our people that we are dealing with and how to best answer the need of "OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY". It is wonderful to see so many people coming home to their parish as well as those who wish to make it their parish. Please take the time to call or stop by the office in Valentin Hall to check if you are in our census or not. If not, there are forms available in the office, either to be picked up or mailed. Office hours are listed on the front of the bulletin.

REMINDERS OF THE WEEK

- Sunday, May 6 3:00pm Steubenville South Meeting In Valentin Hall
Monday, May 7 5:00pm Confirmation 5:15pm Rosary at Grotto 6:15pm Rosary @ Monument
Tuesday, May 8 6:00pm CDA
Wednesday, May 9 5:15pm Come Lord Jesus
Thursday, May 10 5:30pm Cemetery Tour Comm. Meeting 7:00pm KC Meeting
Friday, May 11 8:00am High School Mass / Ring Ceremony
Saturday, May 12 8:00am Mass in Valentin Chapel

KEEPING OUR CITY BEAUTIFUL

Opelousas has been entered in the state-wide Cleanest City Contest which is sponsored by the National Federation of Garden Clubs. Locally, the contest is sponsored by the Opelousas Garden Club. The program is designed to stress the importance of litter prevention and instill civic pride in all citizens. Having won District, Opelousas is now in contention for state competition. State judging will be held May 8 at 9:00am. Please have your area clean!!

Thanks Friend of the Bereaved

Opelousas Catholic acknowledges the receipt of your memorial gift in memory of Sarah Jarrell and Morgan Adams

Cemetery Tour Committee

The 2012 Cemetery Tour Committee will begin planning for the upcoming October 13, 14, 20 & 21 tours. If you are interested in participating in the committee, there will be a planning meeting on May 10 at 5:30 p.m. in Valentin Hall. For more information call Yvonne L. Normand at 308-3474.

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

May 6, 2012

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Reading I Acts 9:26-31 Barnabas reported to the Apostles how Saul had seen the Lord on the way.
Psalm 22 "I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people."
Reading II 1 John 3:18-24 We should believe in the name of Jesus Christ and love one another.
Gospel: John 15:1-8 "I am the vine, you are the branches."

Each year on the Fifth Sunday of Easter, the reading from Acts comforts today's Christians by showing the first Christians working together to move beyond conflict to increased growth and more faithful witnessing. Today we see Paul, who had tried to destroy the community, becoming instead one of its most effective preachers. The second reading bids us to always have confidence in God's boundless love. In the Gospel, Jesus reminds us that it is just through such patience and unwavering trust in God that we remain in Jesus and bear much fruit.

NOTE FROM THE BOARD OF PASTORS OF OC Re: "Student Scholarship for Educational Excellence Act" (Voucher System)

Recently, the State of Louisiana enacted legislation which institutes a program which provides vouchers for eligible students to attend private school, including Opelousas Catholic. There have been many inquiries about whether or not Opelousas Catholic will participate in this program. The Board of Pastors for Opelousas Catholic, which includes the Pastors of St. Landry Church, Holy Ghost Church, Our Lady Queen of Angels Church, Our Lady of Mercy Church and Immaculate Conception Church, after careful consideration, have all agreed that at this time there are too many unanswered questions about how the program would impact our school community. Therefore, the Board of Pastors has decided not to participate in the program this year.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Weekend Retreats for Woman: May 10-12; May 31-June 3; June 28-July 1. The above dates are for Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House in Grand Coteau. For more information call 337-662-5410.
Engaged Encounter: Upcoming weekend dates in Lake Charles May 18-20. For more information call Jimmy & Tammy Bergeron at (337)-706-8880.
Mid-Week Retreat for Women Our Lady of the Oaks will hold a mid-week retreat for women; June 25-27 and November 5-7, 2012. For more information call 337-662-5410.

OC Corner

Congratulation to the students who placed at the REGIONAL Social Studies Fair: Abigail Sylvester, 3rd in Sociology; and the teams of Hannah Johnson and Peyton Hammond, 1st in Anthropology; Paris Taylor and Kristy Duong, 1st in Economics; Sarah Pommier and Carol George, 3rd in Sociology; and Adam Bernard and Louie LaBruyere, 3rd in US History. The OC Athletic Council is sponsoring their second annual Sporting Clay Challenge on May 12th at the Long River Lodge in Melville. Please register early! Contact Denise Cannatella at 337-592-0592; George Quirk at 337-945-0226; or Matt Hebert at 225-405-9301.

SPECIAL NEEDS CURSILLO FOR WOMEN

The Special Needs Cursillo for women is scheduled for the weekend of July 26-29, 2012. This weekend is not limited to age or whether they have a handicap or not. It is for those who need a slower paced weekend; rest time is available. Everything is the same as a regular weekend, but there are nurses on staff to administer medication and doctors on call if there is a need. Transportation to and from the Cursillo center is available. A fee is not required, however donations are accepted. A sponsor who has made Cursillo is required.

The Pastor's Corner

This weekend, we celebrate as a church community the Sacrament of Confirmation. We have 25 candidates scheduled to be confirmed this evening at the 5pm Mass, and we are honored that our Bishop, The Most Reverend Michael Jarrell, will be the minister of the sacrament. Our 25 candidates have been preparing for reception of the sacrament for the last 3 months, and along with their previous reception of the Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Eucharist, their being confirmed will complete the three sacraments of initiation. As we celebrate our young adults full initiation into the Church, please keep them and their families in your prayers. Also, there are two areas of need at the moment in our parish. First, there is a need for additional ministers of the Eucharist for patients at Opelousas General Hospital and in our nursing homes. These ministries are coordinated collaboratively by the four parishes located in Opelousas. If you are able, please consider this ministry and call us at the office for more information on training and times. Finally, this Wednesday is the deadline for submitting candidates for the Parish Advisory Board. If you are interested in serving on the board, or if you know of someone you think would be a good candidate, please call the office for more information. Take care and God Bless!

Fr. James Brady

REMINDER FOR CHILDREN

Children, don't forget to get your bulletins from Fr. Brady after Mass.

Pope Benedict's Intentions for May

General: THE FAMILY: That initiatives which defend and uphold the role of the family may be promoted within society.

Mission: MARY: GUIDE OF MISSIONARIES: That Mary, Queen of the World and Star of Evangelization, may accompany all missionaries in proclaiming her Son, Jesus..

PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The St. Landry Catholic Pastoral Council elections for 2012 will be held soon. The member term is a 3-year commitment with a meeting once a month and its purpose is to advise Father Brady on issues and events within the church parish. If you, as a registered parishioner, are interested in being a candidate, please submit your name and a brief summary of your call to church parish involvement, as well as a small photo of yourself. You may drop your information in the collection basket; bring it to the church office at Valentin Hall; or contact one of the council members listed on the front of the church bulletin. Deadline for submissions is Wednesday, May 9.

Strengthening Louisiana's Push to End the Death Penalty

Please join us on Saturday, May 12, 2012 in Lafayette for a meeting of individuals and organizations working to end the death penalty in Louisiana. The meeting is to be held in the Fuselier Auditorium, at the Diocesan Offices at 1408 Carmel Dr., from 10am to 3pm. Complimentary lunch and coffee will be provided. To RSVP, please follow: http://www.gracefultools.com/events/13884 Any questions contact Tricia Tsai at patricia@dpalternatives.org.

PARISH PICNIC

The St. Landry Church Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, May 20 here on the church grounds. There will be lots of food and fun for children and adults of all ages. The picnic will begin after the 10:00am mass and will continue until 2:00pm. Please come out to join us in our ongoing celebration of Easter! Many thanks to all those who are helping to make this event possible.

MONDAYS IN MAY

Come honor the Blessed Mother during May and pray the rosary for world peace and an end to abortion. All parishioners are invited to join the Catholic Daughters in prayer at the Grotto behind St. Landry Church every Monday in May at 5:30pm. Bring your lawn chair or a towel to sit on.

ALTAR SOCIETY

- Group III..... Becky Reed Week of May 12, 2012
Group IV..... Sarah Wagley Week of May 19, 2012

Confessions, Saturdays 2:30-3:30 p.m. 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Monday through Friday

Second Offertory Collection Today St. Landry Church Maintenance Fund No Second Offertory Collection Week of 13 May 2012

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