

**The Pastor's Corner**

In our bulletin this week, in addition to the insert on our parish finances, a second insert is included regarding "The Lt. Fr. Joseph Verbis Lafleur Scholarship Fund." The insert provides information regarding the history, scope and plan for funding the scholarship. As you can read in the letter, it is an exciting opportunity for our parish to assist those in need and to preserve the spiritual patronage that has been handed down to us. As noted, our second offertory next week will be to help fund the scholarship. Thanks to those who have already made donations to the fund, and we look forward to fully funding the scholarship in time for the scholarship awards next spring! God Bless!

*Fr. James Brady*

**Pope Benedict's Intentions for September**

**General:** That politicians may always act with honesty, integrity, and love for the truth.

**Mission:** That Christian communities may have a growing willingness to send missionaries, priest, and lay people, along with concrete resources, to the poorest Churches.

**REMINDER FOR CHILDREN**

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

**CEMETERY TOURS 2012**

"Louisiana 200 Years" is the theme of the St. Landry Catholic Church Cemetery Tours held in Opelousas, La. The dates of the tours are October 13, 14, 20 & 21 with Saturday tours at 6, 7 & 8pm and the Sunday tours at 2 & 3pm.

Travel back in time to a place where the voices from our past will give you a reflection of times gone by. The 90 minute tour of St. Landry Catholic Church Cemetery gives one a perspective of how our past has shaped our present and reflects into the future generations of community.

The St. Landry Catholic Church Parish and Opelousas Little Theatre are pleased to bring this reenactment for your enjoyment of the Louisiana Bi-Centennial celebration.

Tours are \$10per person; will be limited to groups of 20 (walking shoes); conducted hourly; are not handicapped accessible and young children under 10 years of age not suitable (safety).

For more information call Yvonne Normand at 308-3474.

**ATTENTION CATHOLIC DOCTORS**

Catholic doctors and their families are invited to attend a White Mass celebrating the role of Catholic physicians in healthcare on Wednesday, Oct. 17th at 6:30pm in the chapel at Our Lady of Lourdes Regional Medical Center and a reception after Mass at Lourdes Hospital. Traditionally the White Mass is associated with the feast of St. Luke the Evangelist who is identified as the patron saint of doctors. Bishop Michael Jarrell will celebrate the Mass. We will honor two great Catholic doctors who have recently died, Dr. Zerbin Bienvenu and Dr. Bill Smith.

Please RSVP at 337-261-5433.

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 servicing 350,000 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 generously to this vital appeal!

**SAFE ENVIRONMENT**

CONTINUED ED  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7TH  
6:30PM IN VALENTIN HALL

**READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING**

September 23, 2012

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**Reading I Wisdom 2:12, 17-20**  
Let us condemn him to a shameful death.

**Psalm 54** "The Lord upholds my life."

**Reading II James 3:16—4:3**  
The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace.

**Gospel: Mark 9:30-37**  
The Son of man is to be handed over...Whoever wishes to be first will be the servant of all."

Today's Old Testament wisdom presents the image of the "just one", the Son of God, who faces the violence of human treachery with gentle, patient trust in divine deliverance. Saint James challenges the first Christians to replace jealousy and selfish ambition with righteousness and peace. Jesus crowns these lessons by continuing to teach us that discipleship requires us to trust in God and to follow Jesus on the way of self-sacrificing love, setting aside all desire to be first or greatest, and instead making ourselves last, in childlike service to all.

**RCIA-  
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

Are you considering becoming Catholic?  
Are you a Catholic interested in being confirmed?  
Are you a confirmed Catholic who is ready to explore your faith?

Each year men and women embark on an exploration of the Catholic Faith. Some are deciding if they are called into the Catholic Church; others have been Catholic all their lives and are now interested in discovering what this really means.

Parishioners are encouraged to invite non-Catholic friends, who may have expressed an interest in joining the Catholic Church, to register for the RCIA program.

Tuesday at 6:30pm, the adult religion class will be discussing **the Incarnation, (who is Jesus Christ).**

For more information, call Deacon John W. Miller at 337-942-2911.

**Save the Date**

Coming in October (19-21), Women of the Eucharist Retreat at Our Lady of Sorrows Retreat Center in St. Martinville.

Do you hunger for the Eucharist? Are you wanting to make your Masses more meaningful? Do you want to grow in your appreciation of this great sacrament?

If the answer to any of these questions is "YES!", then it might be the right time for you to consider making a retreat, one that focuses on the splendor and power of this great sacrament.

Members of the Community of Jesus Crucified are conducting a Eucharistic retreat for women that will challenge you, while in silence, to engage the mysteries occurring at each celebration of the Eucharist. During the retreat you will have quiet time to pray, opportunities to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation, Mass, adoration of the Eucharist and free time to stroll through the beautiful Retreat Center grounds.

Because the Community wants to place no obstacles in the way of those who truly want to make a retreat, the retreats are conducted free of charge. Call 337-453-2385 to register.

**BLESSING OF CEMETERIES**

**Saturday, Oct. 27 5:30pm Myrtle Grove Cemetery**  
**Sunday, Oct. 28 2:00pm Bellevue Memorial**  
**Saturday, Nov. 3 5:30pm St. Landry Cemetery**

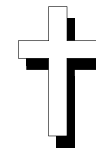
**THANK YOU**

Thank you for your thoughtfulness, generosity and support during this difficult time. It is greatly appreciated.  
The Dottie Lavergne Family

**ALTAR SOCIETY**

**Group II**..... Pap Roy Week of September 29, 2012  
**Group III**..... Becky Reed Week of October 06, 2012

**MASS  
INTENTIONS**



**Saturday, Sept. 22** ..... 8:00 am  
Good Samaritan  
**4:00 pm** .....  
Sal Diesi Sr.; Loretta W. & A. H. (BD). Hargroder Jr.; Jeanette Lalonde; James E. Martin; Velma & Patsy Gail Boss; Lois Harmon; Hal Guillory; Clara P. Elder; Yvonne Fontenot Pellerin and Emmit Fontenot; Rosalie and Frank Pepitone

**Sunday, Sept. 23** ..... 8:00 am  
Youle & Therese Fontenot; Martin J. St. Amand; Arthur & Eva Fontenot; Helen B. Richard; Theresa Mallet; John & Dona Clary and Brian Dendy (Deployed)  
**10:00 am** .....  
Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith; Frank Miller; Joyce Ortego; Nita and J. Y. Bordelon Sr.; Novella F. Reed (BD); M/M Ezra Martin & Denise Hull; M/M Lee martin; Jonathan (Jon) Martin; Clara P. Elder; Sarah Jarrell; Linda C. Ozenne

**5:00 p.m.** .....  
St. Landry Church Parishioners; Marie Grace Soileau; Harold Savoy

**Monday, Sept. 24** ..... 12:05 pm  
Johnny Pontiff (BD); Clara P. Elder

**Tuesday, Sept. 25** ..... 12:05 pm  
Una L. Moreau; Clara P. Elder

**Wednesday, Sept. 26** ..... 12:05 pm  
Walter Morant (BD); Clara P. Elder

**Thursday, Sept. 27** ..... 12:05 pm  
Sal Diesi Sr., Marie (BD) & Martin Roy Sr.; Amar Courville (DA); Clara P. Elder; Alyssa Guillory (BD)

**Friday, Sept. 28** ..... 12:05 pm  
Clara P. Elder; Sarah Jarrell; Alyssa Guillory

**Saturday, Sept. 29** ..... 8:00 am  
**4:00 pm** .....  
Althea Davis (DA); Jeanette Lalonde; James E. Martin; Hal Guillory; Clara P. Elder; Rosalie and Frank Pepitone

**Sunday, Sept. 30** ..... 8:00 am  
Youle & Therese Fontenot; Martin J. St. Amand; Arthur & Eva Fontenot; John & Dona Clary and Brian Dendy (Deployed)

**10:00 am** .....  
Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith; Sal Diesi Sr.; Joyce Ortego; LaFond-Kaufman family; Bessie Durio; M/M Lee Martin; Jonathan (Jon) Martin; Margaret V. Martin; Clara P. Elder; Yvonne Fontenot Pellerin and Emmit Fontenot; Sarah Jarrell; Linda C. Ozenne

**5:00 p.m.** .....  
St. Landry Church Parishioners; Helen B. Richard; Theresa Mallet; Harold Savoy

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

**Second Offertory Collection Today**  
**Victims of Hurricane Isaac**

**Second Offertory Collection**  
**Week of September 30, 2012**  
**Fr. LaFleur Scholarship Fund**

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

**Your Stewardship To God**

Regular Collection .....\$6,688.55  
Maintenance & Repair .....\$325.00  
Poor .....\$ 205.00  
Opelousas Catholic Foundation.....\$1,041.66  
Cemetery Fund.....\$1.00  
TOTAL .....\$8,261.21

*Every Gift  
Comes From  
Above.*



**Thank you for your generosity!**

**REMINDERS OF THE WEEK**

**Saturday, Sept. 22** 8:00am **Mass in Valentin Chapel**  
5:00pm **Informational meeting for French Connection Trip with Fr. Brady**  
**Monday, Sept. 24** 6:00pm **Rosary at Monument**  
**Tuesday, Sept. 25** 6:30pm **RCIA**  
**Wednesday, Sept. 26** 5:30pm **Come Lord Jesus**  
**Thursday, Sept. 27** 5:30pm **Cemetery Tour Meeting**  
6:00pm **OC Homecoming Parade & Coronation**  
**Friday, Sept. 28** 8:40am **All School Mass / Homecoming**  
**Saturday, Sept. 29** 8:00am **Mass Valentin Hall**  
4:00pm **Catholic Schools of Opelousas Alumni Assoc. Mass at St. Landry Church**

**FAMILY FUN DAY**

Join the parishioners of St. Peter Catholic Church in Grand Prairie for their annual Family Fun Day, on Sunday, September 30 from 9am to 2pm.

Raffle tickets; Bingo; Bake Sale; Pony Rides; Face Painting; Fun slides; an auction; Sauce Piquant Cook-off; live Music as well as sale of Cookbooks will be available.

\$6.00 plate lunches will also be available. Bring your own chair and leave the ice chests at home!

**Prayer Intentions**

Ashley Allemond; Joshua Allemond; Clifford and Jane Ardoin; John Aucoin; Gervis "BB" Babin; Dennis Bahr; Anna Lee Beadle; Roberta Bernard; Jane Bertrand, Steve & Paula Bienvenu; Sky Bihm; Gerard Boudreaux; Leanna Briley; Wilbur Briley; Vanessa Brown; Holly Burleigh; Bob Chachere; Brandon Castille; Nelson "Shorty" Castille; Raylyn Chapman; Shelton Daigle; Eugene Darbonne; Lou D'Avy; Glenn Derington; Becky Diesi; Harley Doucet; Olivia Doucet; Lane W. Dugas; Vickie Duplechain; Duane Dupre; Shirley Emonet; Tristen Estes; Bernel Fontenot; Linda & Terry Fontenot; Alphonse "Billy" Frlou; Joseph Galhtier; Ruby Gautreaux; Ted Guillory Jr.; Wilma Guillory; Angela Hargroder; Benny Hargroder; Larry Hargroder; Margie Hebert; Edval Jannise; Agnes Kidder; Gerald Kidder; Patsy T. Kirkpatrick; Trina Kirkpatrick; Michael Labbe; Brittany LeBlanc; George LeBlanc and family; Olivia LeBlanc; Mike Lewallen; Dale Martin; Malcolm "Slick" Martin; Georgie Meche and Family; Mitch Mequet; Laura Miller; Romaine Miller; Brandy Monde; Julie Mouton; Miya Norse; Lonnie and Cindy Ortego; Gil Ortego; Marty Ortego; Terri Ortego; Betty Pitre; Ricky Pousson; Marilyn Quirk; Butch Richard; Joseph James Robin; Myrtle Ryder; Lauren Sebastien; Annie Kay Segura; Carrie Soileau; Corrine Soileau; Emmadine Soileau; Lou Soileau; Timmy Soileau; Scotty Speyrer; Viola Stelly; Patti Stephens; Patrick Steward Jr.; Thomas Stoute; Yola Stoute; Beverly Talbot; Collins Thibodeaux; James Touchet; LenaTrahan; Lou Vidrine; Brandy Willingham; Nicky Winder; Pat Woodson; Warren Wyble; Henry Young; Mike Young; Natalia

**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 Lanclos; Andre Ledoux; Danny Pitre; Trevor Reilly; Zach Reilly; Joshua Thomassee; Hunter Zerangue  
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.**

**OC Corner**

It is **HOME COMING WEEK** at Opelousas Catholic!! The annual parade will roll down Union Street on Thursday at 6pm, followed by the Court Presentations and Coronation in the school gym. On Friday, alumni are invited to the **Alumni Welcome Tent at Donald Gardner Stadium** from 6:00pm until kickoff at 7:00pm when the Vikings face North Central. Past queens and captains from the honored classes will be recognized in a pre-game program and at half-time. Plan to join together!!

Membership letters for the Catholic Schools of Opelousas Alumni Association have recently gone out in the mail. Alumni of Opelousas Catholic, A.I.C., and Holy Ghost schools are encouraged to join in support of Catholic education.

Contact Becky Diesi, Association President (948-1068) or Kathy Hebert, O.C. Development Director (942-5404 ext. 105) for more information.

**The Year of Faith and the Call to the New Evangelization**

A Day of Recollection on the importance of the Journey of Faith and various ways to participate in the New Evangelization will be held on Saturday, September 29 from 9am to 3pm at Our Lady of Sorrows Retreat Center in St. Martinville.

There will 2 talks by Fr. Michael Champagne, CJC in the morning, followed by Mass at 12 noon. After lunch, a panel will speak on the importance of the journey of faith and various ways to live and participate in the New Evangelization.

Opportunity for Mass, Confession, and Adoration will be available. The day is free and no registration is necessary. Bring a brown bag lunch. For more information call 337-394-6550.

**Please Pray for Our Seminarians**

Of the 39 current seminarians representing the Diocese of Lafayette, the following 3 men are from the North Region:

- 1) Matthew Barzare St. Anthony of Padua, Eunice
- 2) John Miller St. Landry, Opelousas
- 3) Ben Pitre St. Landry, Opelousas

Father, in your plan for our salvation you provide shepherds for your people. Fill your Church with the spirit of courage and love. Raise up worthy ministers for your altars and eager but gentle servants of the gospel. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

**SANCTUARY LIGHT**  
CHURCH .....For the victims of the Hurricane  
CHAPEL.....For all grandparents, living & deceased

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# St. Landry Catholic Church

## Financial Statement Fiscal Year 2012

(July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012)

### Revenue

Regular Offertory	\$370,403.72
Repair and Maintenance Offertory	41,835.65
Wedding Rentals/Other Donations	<u>11,229.29</u>
Total Revenue	\$423,468.66

### Expenses

Salaries (6 full-time, 2 part-time, musicians)	\$128,361.70
Payroll Taxes/Health Insurance/Retirement	64,412.79
Diocesan Assessment	47,146.29
Insurance (Property and Liability)	42,117.00
Repairs and Maintenance	41,658.34
Utilities	40,704.25
Religious Supplies, Materials & Other Expenses	37,924.24
Contract Labor	12,525.00
Postage and Shipping	<u>1,874.44</u>
Total Expenses	\$416,724.05

Total Revenues over Expenses \$ 6,744.61

Savings: July 2011 - \$13,153.96

July 2012 – \$22,310.17

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September 23, 2012

Dear Parishioners:

As you all know, we celebrated the annual Memorial Mass for Fr. Verbis Lafleur Friday, September 7, 2012 here at St. Landry Church. It was the 68<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Fr. Lafleur's heroic death. We welcomed as main celebrant and homilist the Most Reverend Glen Provost, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Lake Charles, and a native son of our diocese. All who attended enjoyed the beauty celebration and prayer for Fr. Lafleur.

At that time, with great excitement we announced the creation of "The Lt. Fr. Joseph Verbis Lafleur Scholarship Endowment Fund." As a bit of history, for the last several years, the Fr. Lafleur Committee has sought to establish a perpetual scholarship endowment in order to assist young people in need to receive an education in Catholic schools and also to educate our young people about the heroic life of Fr. Lafleur. This is in keeping with the wonderful ministry Fr. Lafleur had to the youth in the places where he served as seminarian and priest. The hope was to establish a \$1,000 scholarship for an eighth grade student entering high school in the three places that provided Fr. Lafleur his roots before entering military service: Opelousas Catholic in Opelousas, Sacred Heart in Ville Platte, and Vermillion Catholic in Abbeville. The criterion for the scholarship was an active faith life and virtue, knowledge of the life of Fr. Lafleur, and financial need. The amount of the endowment would need to be about \$100,000 in order to produce the required income for the scholarships. The establishment of the fund was considered a long term project.

However, as the Holy Spirit would have it, the project would not be so long term. Last year, while looking for material at a religious book store, a generous benefactor, Mr. Alex Theriot, noticed the book "But He Dies Not," the story of the life of Fr. Lafleur's life, and was moved. He contacted the committee and asked if there was anything he could do to help, and discussions about the scholarship fund followed. After being able to put into place the proper structure to ensure the perpetuity of the scholarship fund, Mr. Theriot agreed to donate \$50,000 for the establishment of the fund, as well as the \$3,000 in order to fund the scholarship payments in the first year. An award of \$1,000 was made to one student last May at each of the three schools.

Mr. Theriot's donation was made with understanding that the local communities would raise the other half of the funds necessary. Obviously, our incentive to fund the scholarship is that for every dollar that is donated, two dollars of benefit is received! I am happy to report that we have already raised approximately \$20,000 in this effort, so we are well on the way to achieving our goal. However, there is still work to be done.

In that regard, we intend to reach out to the churches and communities of the schools that will benefit from the scholarship to assist in the effort to raise the \$30,000 necessary to fully fund the scholarships. We also hope that you are able to help spread word of the need and make a donation yourself if you are able. Many of you have already made donations to the fund, and for this we “Thank You!” Next week, there will an offertory taken for this specific purpose, and we hope that your devotion and generosity will begin the process of reaching our goal.

So much has already been done to “spread the word” about Fr. Lafleur and his heroic life: The beautiful monument at St. Landry Church, the publishing of “But He Dies Not,” and, of course, the annual Memorial Mass which we celebrated earlier this month. The scholarship will help to make sure that our young people know of the spiritual patronage of the communities from which they come, realizing that with God’s Grace we can all live heroic lives in our imitation of Christ. Thank you for all the support you have given in previous years, and for your continued generosity now and in the future.

Checks for donations to the scholarship fund should be made out to:

St. Landry Church  
MEMO: Fr. Lafleur Scholarship Fund

Besides the second offertory next weekend, donations can be mailed to:

St. Landry Catholic Church  
1020 N. Main St.  
Opelousas, LA 70570

Thanks again for your generosity. May you be filled with the Grace and Peace of God in the lives you live!

Sincerely,

Fr. James Brady  
Pastor, St. Landry Church

and

The Friends of Fr. Lafleur